

Transcript of PM's speech (Scott Morrison) on April 14th 2022.

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https://twitter.com/Trixie_Boo/status/1514456491763580933?s=20&t=S3M6_7ccFX6nB5NGR0sl-A

“We closed seventeen detention centres that Labor had to open. We got every single child out of detention that Labor had put into detention. And let's not forget, because I saw them with my own eyes. I went to Manus Island, where Labor put Children in offshore detention centres on Manus Island. I met them there, I met their Mothers, and I saw their distress. And I put in place a policy, that ended all that. And got them out. So if people want to weigh up, and understand these issues of Border protection, they can believe someone who came up with it, stood up to the opposition on it, which included Anthony Albanese, implemented it, safely, stopped the boats, protected our borders, closed the detention centres, and got the children out. Or they can listen to Anthony Albanese, who has been a complete weathervane on this issue, Who is this guy? That's what Australians are asking. He's had three years to tell them who he is, people know me, some people disagree with me, some people agree with me. Some people don't like how I say somethings, other people do. But you know who I am. And when it comes to border protection, I'll tell you who knows who I am, the people smugglers.”

Lets' pay particular attention to this segment of his press conference.

“And let's not forget, because i saw them with my own eyes. I went to Manus Island, where Labor put Children in offshore detention centres on Manus Island. I met them there, I met their Mothers, and I saw their distress”

Some Questions arise.

1/ When did Scott Morrison go to Manus Island to see these Children?

2/ Did he see their mother's there?

3/ Did he see their mother's distress?

To ascertain the Answers to these Questions, I have researched a raft of documents to answer these Questions.

To put the results of the research into an intelligible format I thing a timeline of events would be prudent.

As we know in the Rudd/Gillard/Rudd years Asylum seeking was a very contested policy area. I am not going to delve into the actual policy just the events in a timeline

Timeline of Manus Island Detention centre.

[Scott Morrison Travel 1 July to 31 December 2012 \(Document attached\).](#) 1 Morrison_Scott.pdf

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1 July to 31 December 2012

Mr Scott Morrison MP

Transaction Details - From 1 July 2012

Overseas Travel Summary

From 1 July 2012

Places Visited	Reason For Travel	Date	Amount
<i>Representing Australia</i>			
Papua New Guinea	To attend a series of 70th anniversary commemorative events associated with the Battle of Milne Bay.	25 Aug to 27 Aug 12	\$126.00
Papua New Guinea	To attend a series of 70th anniversary commemorative events associated with the Kokoda Campaign.	1 Nov to 2 Nov 12	\$126.00
<i>Overseas Study Entitlement</i>			
Indonesia	Overseas Study Travel.	12 Oct to 17 Oct 12	\$5,181.54
Total			\$5,433.54

21 November 2012

Labor government reopens Manus Island detention centre.

(see October 31st date below.) ([Also this link on Parliament of Australia site](#))

Note. Morrison travelled to PNG on 1 to 2 November 2012 and there were no Asylum seekers there during that time. They arrived on 21 November. (Source parliamentary Web site above entitled, “Australia’s offshore processing of asylum seekers in Nauru and PNG: a quick guide to statistics and resources”

https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1617/Quick_Guides/Offshore

[Scott Morrison Travel 1 Jan to June 2013 \(Document attached\).](#) 1 p32_Morrison_Scott.pdf

1 January to 30 June 2013

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Transaction Details - From 1 January 2013

Overseas Travel Summary

From 1 January 2013

Places Visited	Reason For Travel	Date	Amount
Official Visits			
Indonesia	Official Travel.	27 Jun to 30 Jun 13	\$126.00
Representing Australia			
Lebanon	To attend the enthronement of Father Superior Antoine Tarabay OLM as the new Bishop of the Diocese of St Maroun (Maronites).	24 May to 28 May 13	\$8,999.28
Overseas Study Entitlement			
UK and Sri Lanka	Overseas Study Travel.	21 Jan to 2 Feb 13	\$10,346.44
Total			\$19,471.72

[Scott Morrison Travel 1 July to December 2013 \(Document attached\).](#) 1 p32_Morrison_Scott.pdf

1 July to 31 December 2013

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Transaction Details - From 1 July 2013

Overseas Travel Summary

Places Visited	Reason For Travel	Date	Amount
Ministerial Visits			
Papua New Guinea	To conduct a series of meetings and a number of site visits.	26 Sep to 28 Sep 13	\$828.68
Nauru	To undertake a number of site visits and to conduct a series of high-level meetings.	8 Oct to 9 Oct 13	\$156.00
Malaysia	To conduct a series of high-level meetings.	22 Oct to 25 Oct 13	\$13,117.18
Indonesia	To conduct a series of high-level meetings.	28 Oct to 31 Oct 13	\$12,309.51
Papua New Guinea	To conduct a series of high-level meetings and to discuss visa on arrival policy and the offshore processing centre on Manus Island.	27 Nov to 28 Nov 13	\$1,727.39
Total			\$28,138.76

26 June 2013

Kevin Rudd beats Julia Gillard in ALP leadership ballot and becomes PM again.

- 19 July 2013 Change in Labor government policy to *no arrivals after a certain date would be settled in Australia but would be settled in PNG.* (see October 31st date below.)
- After July 19th 2013 Existing detainees (Men Women and children) were removed from Manus Island.
- August 2013 [Immigration Detention Statistics \(Aust Govt Department of home affairs\)](#)
Please note no Statistics are shown in this document for Manus and Nauru detention centres.
- 1st August 2013 First new detainees arrived at Manus Island. (See 16th May 2014. Below)
- 5 August 2013 Writs issued by the Governor General for a federal Election. Labor government in caretaker mode.
- September 2013 [Immigration Detention Statistics \(Aust Govt Department of home affairs\)](#)
Please note no Statistics are shown in this document for Manus and Nauru detention centres.
- 7 September 2013. Federal Election Held. Labor lost and a Liberal/National Coalition Govt was established under Tony Abbott.
- October 2013 [Immigration Detention Statistics \(Aust Govt Department of home affairs\)](#)
Please note This is the first time Statistics are shown in this document series for Manus and Nauru detention centres.

Thus.

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/09/2013
Republic of Nauru	327	158	106	591	-
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1135		2	1137	-
Total Offshore Processing Centres	1462	158	108	1728	-

Community Population by State/Territory

You will note that this document shows 1135 men and 2 children in detention making a total of 1137. Please also note there are no Women in detention here.

October 31st 2013

[Review by Robert Cornall AO into allegations of sexual and other serious assaults at the Manus Offshore Processing Centre, September 2013.](#)

Hyperlink to report by clicking on Blue highlights.

This report states at page 4/10 the following: “The Manus Centre was reactivated by the Australian Government in late 2012 and most of the allegations to be investigated occurred in the first half of 2013. Therefore, I decided to conduct an investigation starting from the reopening of the Centre in November 2012 and concluding on 25 July 2013 when, as a result of a change in government policy, all but 26 of the transferees then on Manus were removed to Australia.”

November 2013

[Immigration Detention Statistics \(Aust Govt Department of home affairs\)](#)

Please note This is the second time Statistics are shown in this document series for Manus and Nauru detention centres.

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/10/2013
Republic of Nauru	404	173	109	686	+ 95
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1139			1139	+ 2
Total Offshore Processing Centres	1543	173	109	1825	+ 97

Community Population by State/Territory

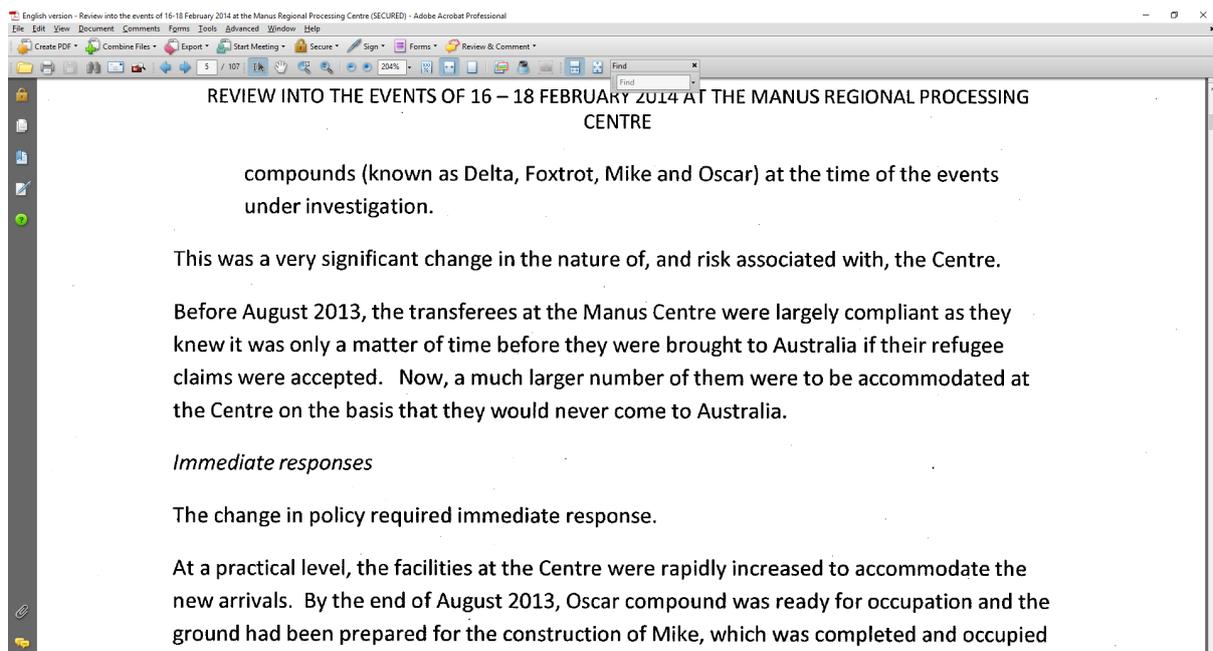
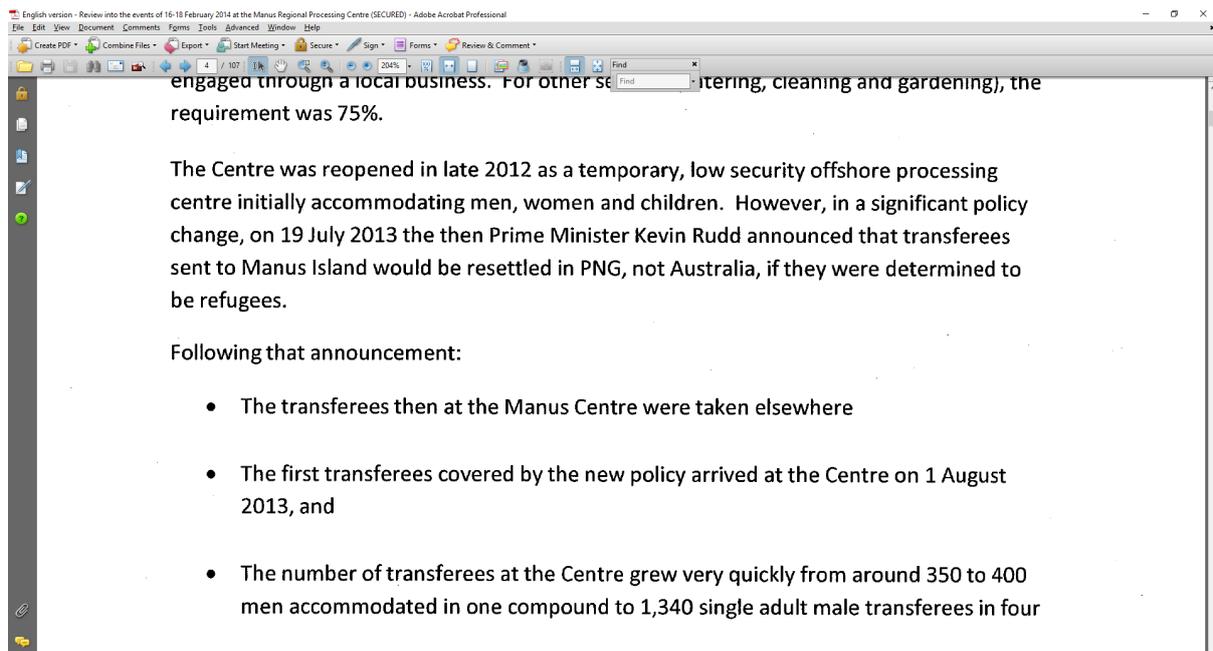
Please note in October the statistics showed that there were two children at Manus and another 1135 men. (Total 1137 persons). This month shows an addition of two men and the children

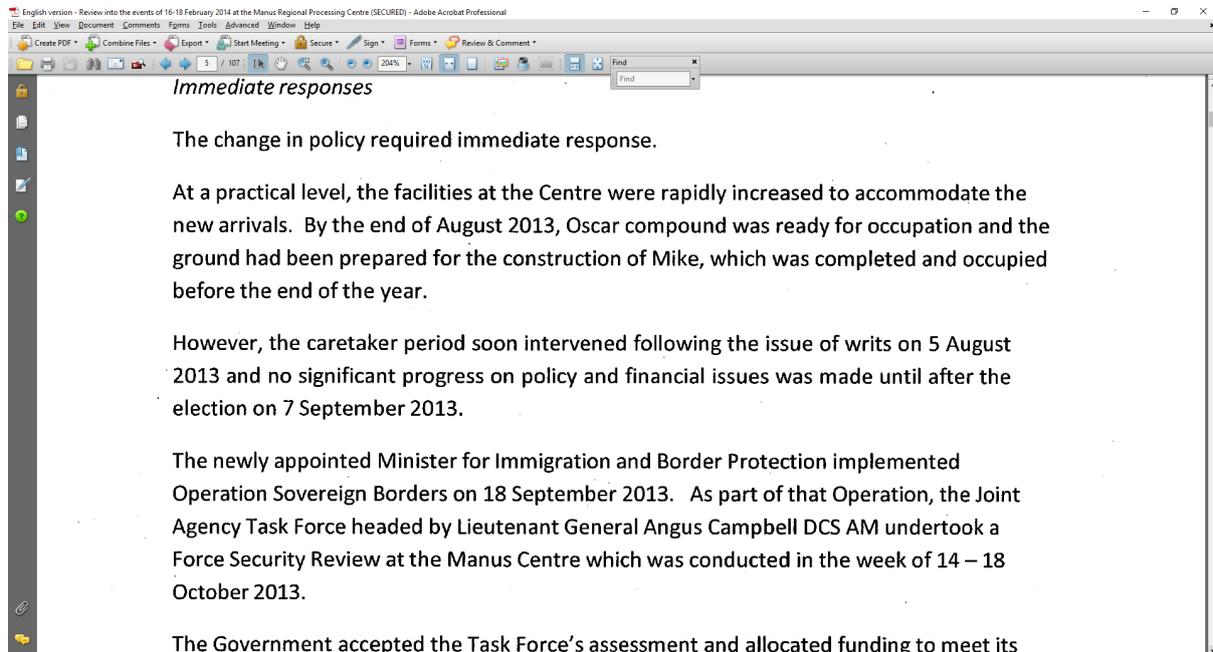
disappear yet the numbers don't change. Could this be that these children in the previous month were males and they have now reached their majority?
Note also this is also the 2nd month that there are no Women.

16th May 2014. (Published date but relating to the period 16 to 18th February 2014).

Also relating to the general timeline of events regarding Manus Island and offshore processing.

Page 4/107 [Review into the events of 16-18 February 2014 at the Manus Regional Processing Centre.](#)





Conclusion to the Questions asked above.

1/ When did Scott Morrison go to Manus Island to see these Children?

The only time Scott Morrison could have visited Manus Island and witnessed anyone who was incarcerated there under Labor's policy settings was on 26th and 28th September. Did he see children? There is no Evidence that any children were on Manus at that time, or indeed their mothers

2/ Did he see their mother's there?

If we look at the immigration Department stats for October it says there are 2 children, but they must have nearly reached their majority because in November there are the same number of Men plus 2 and no children and another 2 detainees (also men added). However in both October and November THERE ARE NO WOMEN. So how on earth could Scott John Morrison say the following:

- "where Labor put Children in offshore detention centres on Manus Island. I met them there, I met their Mothers, and I saw their distress."

3/ Did he see their mother's distress?

He can't have because there were no women on Manus Island at the time that Morrison visited in late September.

A note on Sources.

The following Government Documents have been used in this timeline.

1. Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – Period 1 July to 31 December 2012. (Archived at the National Library). Hyperlinked in this document.
2. Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – Period 1 January to 30 June 2013. (Archived at the National Library). Hyperlinked in this document.
3. Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – Period 1 July to 31 December 2013 (archived at the National Library). Hyperlinked in this document.
4. Review into Sexual Assaults and other serious Assaults at the Manus regional Processing centre. Author Robert Cornall AO. Dated September 2013. Hyperlinked in this document.
5. Review into the events of 16 – 18 February 2014 at the Manus Island Regional Processing centre. Author Robert Cornall AO. Dated 23 May 2014. Hyperlinked in this document.
6. Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary 30 September 2013. Hyperlinked in this document.
7. Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary 31 October 2013. Hyperlinked in this document.
8. Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary 30 November 2013. Hyperlinked in this document.