

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry : 06 November 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(PIID/008) – Inquiry - Prohibiting items in Immigration Detention- Escapes involving mobile phones -

Asked:

Provide the dates and detail of any escape attempts where it is alleged a mobile phone held by a detainees was a factor, in immigration detention and transit facilities by facility, detainee's cohort, and date of attempted escape

Answer:

Between 11 November 2014 and 23 October 2017, there were 32 incidents of escape from immigration detention facilities involving 36 individuals and 47 incidents of attempted escape from immigration detention facilities involving 56 individuals. The ABF is certain of at least two of these escapes were made with the assistance of mobile phones.