QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry: 06 November 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(*PIID/010*) – Inquiry - Prohibiting items in Immigration Detention- Instances of detection dogs in IDFs -

Asked:

Provide a table of the dates and circumstances where a sniffer/detection dog has been permitted into a immigration detention and transit facility.

Answer:

Detector Dogs are deployed to immigration detention facilities for a range of reasons including, training, acclimatisation, narcotic and currency detection, and operation safe centres. Between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017, the ABF deployed 68 detector dog teams to immigration detention facilities.