

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry : 06 November 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(PIID/007) – Inquiry - Prohibiting items in Immigration Detention- Statistics of drug detections in IDFs -**

Asked:

Provide a table of the number of times a detainee has sought medical treatment as the result of an overdose or adverse reaction to drugs, in immigration detention and transit facilities by facility, detainee's cohort, and date of medical treatment.

Answer:

Between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2017, there has been 33 recorded instances of substance abuse involving 48 detainees, in immigration detention. Of the 48 detainees, 20 were s501 detainees, 11 were IMAs, 10 were overstayers, and 8 were 'other'.

In the event of a drug overdose, first-aid is applied until additional medical assistance is provided, which may include state and territory ambulance services. Detainees experiencing a medical emergency will be assessed by ambulance staff and, if clinically appropriate, will be transferred to hospital.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the number of times a detainee has sought medical treatment as a result of an overdose or adverse reaction to drugs.