

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry : 06 November 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(PIID/011) – Inquiry - Prohibiting items in Immigration Detention- Instances of strip searching in IDFs -

Asked:

Provide the dates and circumstances where a detainee was strip searched in immigration detention and transit facilities by facility, detainee's cohort, and date of the strip search.

Answer:

Since July 2015, there have been 204 strip searches conducted in Immigration Detention Centres (IDC). 198 were conducted at Christmas Island IDC, three at Villawood IDC, two at Maribynong IDC, and one at Perth IDC.

All individual occurrences were s501 detainees. Circumstances for the strip searches were: suspected weapon (5) and illegal substance (1). The circumstances for those strip searched in Christmas Island IDC related to the November 2015 disturbance.