

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017****IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO****(AE17/158) - Compliance and Detention - Use of Force in Detention - Number of occasions - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

On how many occasions has the Department or Departmental service providers use force? Please provide an annual breakdown over the last 5 years. Please provide a copy of each report conducted into incidents where “use of force” was required, Please provide a separate list where restraints were used and the reports into those incidents. Please provide the Department’s policy regarding who can be restrained and under what circumstances. Please indicate whether this applies to elderly people, children or people with a disability.

Answer:

Statistics relating to Use of Force incidents and incidents where restraints were used in Held Detention are found below.

Table 1: Use of Force Incidents within Held Detention by Financial Year

Financial Year	Number of Use of Force Incidents
2016/17 to 27 February 2017	6,260
2015/16	8,637
2014/15	2,386
2013/14	1,364
2012/13	230

Table 2: Use of Force Incidents where restraints were used by Financial Year

Financial Year	Use of Force incidents where restraints were used
2016/17 to 27 February 2017	5,745
2015/16	7,071
2014/15	689
2013/14	133
2012/13	128

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide all reports into the Department’s use of force.