

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(161) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Bartlett asked:

Are chemical or physical restraints used in deportations?

Answer:

The department's policy is that chemical sedation must not be used for the purpose of restraint.

Physical restraint is used only in the event that restraint is necessary to ensure the security of the removal. Physical holds and/or restraint devices may only be used for the minimum time necessary and by escorts with appropriate training.

Aboard an aircraft, the aircraft commander may direct the escort to apply restraint to preserve the safety of the aircraft and the passengers.