

Question on notice no. 221

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2017-18 Supplementary budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Kim Carr: asked the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on 23 October 2017—

1. Please detail how many 501 character cancellations have occurred this calendar year
2. Please detail any occasions in the past year has the Department incorrectly cancelled a visa under Section 501 of the Migration Act
3. Please detail how many 501 cancellations have been by decision of the Immigration Minister over the past five years
4. Please detail how many of these 501 cancellations have been by decisions of a delegates of the Immigration Minister over the past five years

Answer —

1. From 1 January 2017 until 30 September 2017, there were 978 visa cancellations made under section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958*.
2. The Department acknowledges two people were detained following their release from correctional facilities after their visas were mandatorily cancelled under s501 of the *Migration Act 1958* (please refer to SE17/214 for further information).
- 3/4 Please refer to table below.

Section 501 Cancellations by Decision Maker – All Nationalities

Financial Year	Delegate	Minister	Total*
2013/2014	37	39	76
2014/2015	497	87	584
2015/2016	931	51	982
2016/2017	1239	45	1284
2017/2018 (to 30/09/2017)	204	16	220

* Numbers do not include revocation decisions made by Ministers or delegate. Cancellation decisions are counted irrespective of whether they were subsequently revoked.

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