

Question on notice no. 345

Portfolio question number: AE21-345

2020-21 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Australian Border Force on 22 March 2021—

Please provide data on the number of incidents in onshore immigration detention facilities regarding contraband finds in relation to possible illicit substances or drug paraphernalia. a. Please provide a monthly breakdown from March 2019 to March 2021.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention

AE21-345 - Incidents in onshore immigration detention

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Please provide data on the number of incidents in onshore immigration detention facilities regarding contraband finds in relation to possible illicit substances or drug paraphernalia. a. Please provide a monthly breakdown from March 2019 to March 2021.

Answer:

From 1 March 2019 to 31 March 2021, there were 599 drug-related contraband incidents in immigration detention facilities (including incidents relating to drug paraphernalia or illegal drugs such as methamphetamine, heroin, cannabis or MDMA, or prescription medications such as buprenorphine, tramadol or celecoxib).

Note: Figures should be considered indicative only as not all drug related contraband incidents may be included, due to some recorded comments not detailing the type of contraband found.

Table 1: Drug related contraband incidents between 1 March 2019 and 31 March 2021

Month/Year	Total
March 2019	17
April 2019	23
May 2019	18
June 2019	27
July 2019	26
August 2019	22
September 2019	24
October 2019	33
November 2019	23
December 2019	17
January 2020	43
February 2020	20

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March 2020	22
April 2020	19
May 2020	27
June 2020	19
July 2020	19
August 2020	26
September 2020	25
October 2020	26
November 2020	19
December 2020	24
January 2021	28
February 2021	17
March 2021	35
TOTAL	599