

Question on notice no. 353

Portfolio question number: AE21-353

2020-21 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

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

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention

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Answer:

From 1 September 2020 to 31 January 2021, 446 detainees received physical and/or mental health treatment in Alternative Places of Detention.

| Treatment type | Occurrences of treatment |
|---|--------------------------|
| Addiction medicine | <5 |
| Aged care services | 15 |
| Anaesthetics | 5 |
| Audiology | <5 |
| Cardiology | <5 |
| Counsellor | 22 |
| Dental | 89 |
| Dermatology | <5 |
| Endorsed enrolled nurse | 10 |
| General physician | 27 |
| General surgery | <5 |
| General practitioner | 1,327 |
| Gynaecology and obstetrics | <5 |
| Presentation at hospital or super clinic | 402 |
| Mental health nurse | 847 |
| Neurology | <5 |
| Other specialist | <5 |
| Ophthalmology | 7 |
| Optometry | 12 |
| Orthopaedics | <5 |
| Pathology | 71 |
| Pharmaceutical | 205 |
| Physiotherapy | 25 |
| Plastic, reconstruction and aesthetic surgery | <5 |

| Treatment type | Occurrences of treatment |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Podiatry | 17 |
| Primary health nurse | 6,632 |
| Psychiatry | 116 |
| Psychology | 44 |
| Radiology | 198 |
| Torture and trauma counselling | 82 |
| Urology | <5 |
| Total occurrences | 10,178 |