

**Question on notice no. 209**

**Portfolio question number: AE22-209**

**2021-22 Additional estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Australian Border Force on 14 February 2022—

How many complaints of assault have been made by detainees against persons working

at an immigration detention facility over the last five years (broken down by year) ?

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Australian Border Force**

**Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention**

**AE22-209 - Immigration Detention - Complaints of Assault**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

How many complaints of assault have been made by detainees against persons working at an immigration detention facility over the last five years (broken down by year)?

*Answer:*

According to data available to the Department, there have been 191 complaints of assaults made by detainees against persons working at an immigration detention facility over the last five years.

| <b>Financial year</b>              | <b>Complaints</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2016-2017                          | 15                |
| 2017-2018                          | 48                |
| 2018-2019                          | 53                |
| 2019-2020                          | 29                |
| 2020-2021                          | 34                |
| 2021-2022 (as at 31 December 2021) | 12                |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>191</b>        |

*Note: The table shows the number of complaints received. In some cases a complainant may have lodged multiple complaints regarding one individual allegation.*