

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/038) - s501 Ministers decision - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 66) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I am interested in the one that is not the automatic one. I think the officers have already spelt out that there are other grounds.

Mr Pezzullo: Character.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, that is one where the minister has the capacity—

Ms De Veau: to make a personal decision? That occurs—

Senator KIM CARR: How many times has that happened?

Ms De Veau: We would have to look at that.

Mr Pezzullo: We will take that on notice. We deal with thousands of cases—I am not suggesting we deal with thousands of 501 cases—so it would be better if we took it on notice and put some rigour behind the data we give you.

Answer:

Minister cancellation decisions under section 501 by programme year are in the table below.

Programme year	Minister cancellations
2010/2011	6
2011/2012	23
2012/2013	11
2013/2014	39
2014/2015	87
YTD to 8/02/2016	31