

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017****IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO****(AE17/051) - 501 Character Cancellations - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 96) asked:

Senator PRATT: In terms of what you have said about the 501 character cancellations, can you, on notice, provide a breakdown of the type of detainee that force was used on—that is, refugees and asylum seekers versus those that might have the greater risk attached to them?

Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes, I can take it on notice—with a qualification. I think it would be quite an onerous task to respond to that, and it might take a bit longer than a normal question on notice.

Senator PRATT: Okay. I guess what we are really looking for is that the increase in—you have gone some way to demonstrating this in your answer by saying that it is in the change of the definition of force, but I guess what I am keen to know is whether people who are, for example, refugees or asylum seekers are being subject to more incidences of force. Clearly you have changed the definition of 'force'.

Mr Quaedvlieg: We can certainly look at that, noting that they are about 35 per cent of the detention population. But just for clarity, it is not necessarily the case that a section 501 detainee is any higher a risk than IMAs—

Senator PRATT: No, I understand.

Mr Quaedvlieg: They are done on an individual risk assessment basis, and there are at least a handful of persons in detention who can be labelled as IMAs who are of high or extreme risk. So, there is not necessarily a difference in their risk profile as a cohort, and that is why we do that at an individual level.

*Answer:*

Statistics relating to participants involved in Use of Force incidents by Detention Group are found below.

**Table 1: Participants Involved in Use of Force Incidents within Held Detention by Detention Group and Financial Year**

Financial Year	IMA	S501 Visa Cancellation and Other	Total
2016/17 to 27 February 2017	853	6,185	7,038
2015/16	1,588	7,780	9,368
2014/15	1,138	1,525	2,663
2013/14	1,264	469	1,733