

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 24 March 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/263) - Visas cancelled on 501 character grounds - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

How many visas were cancelled on 501 character grounds in:

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Of those people who had their visa cancelled on character grounds, can you please outline how many people willingly departed Australia?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Of those people who had their visa cancelled on character grounds, can you please outline how many people were forcibly deported?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Of those people who had their visa cancelled on character grounds, can you please provide a breakdown of the counties where those people held citizenship?

*Answer:*

The table below contains a count of section 501 (s501) visa cancellations by financial year.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Count of s501 cancellations</b>
2013/2014	84
2014/2015	583
2015/2016	983
2016/2017 to 31 March	950
<b>Total</b>	<b>2600</b>

The table below contains a count of persons whose visas had been cancelled under s501 grounds and then subsequently voluntarily departed Australia:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Count of voluntary departures</b>
2013/2014	26
2014/2015	131
2015/2016	448
2016/2017 to 31 March	382
<b>Total</b>	<b>987</b>

The table below contains a count of persons whose visas had been cancelled under s501 grounds and then subsequently were involuntarily removed from Australia:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Count of Involuntary departures</b>
2013/2014	0
2014/2015	6
2015/2016	19
2016/2017 to 31 March	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

Note: Removal processes can be delayed after a cancellation decision as a result of pending appeals or logistical reasons such as the need to obtain travel documents.

The table below contains a breakdown by citizenship of persons whose visas have cancelled under s501, for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2017:

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Count of s501 cancellations</b>
New Zealand	1398
United Kingdom	287
Vietnam	79
Sudan	73
Fiji	55
Iraq	37
China	30
Tonga	26
Afghanistan	25
All Others	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>2600</b>