

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-051

Senator Xenophon asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator XENOPHON: Right. Can we get from you whether there has been in the last, say, three years there has been an increasing decline of psychological/psychiatric claims as a percentage of overall claims—whether there is some trend of a decline or increase or steady relation to—

Mr Wood: It is an increase. But we can quantify that for you.

Senator XENOPHON: A significant increase?

Mr Colvin: We will have to check that but to be quite frank I would hope and expect that it is an increase because we are trying to destigmatise that it is okay to come forward.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

There has been an increase in psychological claims as a percentage of overall submitted claims over the last three years, from 18.6% in 2014 to 26.5% in 2016.

	Comcare (actual number)	Psychological/psychiatric (actual number)	Psychological/psychiatric (Percentage)
2014	221	41	18.6
2015	162	41	25.3
2016	192	51	26.5