

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

1.7 National Security and Criminal Justice

Question No. BE17-155

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:

- 1) Does the Department keep a record or estimate of the prevalence of trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances in Australia?
- 2) If so, what is it?
- 3) How many people does the Department estimate are victims of modern slavery in Australia? This includes any person in Australia subject to slavery or slavery-like conditions - including debt bondage, forced labour and forced marriage.
- 4) Please provide figures for the following years
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13
 - 2013-14
 - 2014-15
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17
- 5) Does the government accept the GSI estimate as an acceptable and initial estimate?
- 6) If not, why not?
- 7) Is the Department aware of the GSI methodology?
- 8) How many individuals were recognised as victims of trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances in:
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13
 - 2013-14
 - 2014-15
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17

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

- 1) No
- 2) N/A
- 3) N/A
- 4) N/A

5-7) The Australian Government supports civil society efforts to quantify the extent of human trafficking and slavery. To the extent that the Walk Free Foundation has made it publicly available, the Australian Government is aware of the methodology used for the Global Slavery Index. As the Walk Free Foundation acknowledges, it is difficult to accurately estimate the extent of human trafficking and slavery.

- 8) N/A