

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

1.7 National Security and Criminal Justice

Question No. BE17-156

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:

- 1) Please provide the number of investigations of trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances in:
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13
 - 2013-14
 - 2014-15
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17
- 2) Please provide the number of prosecutions of trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances in:
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13
 - 2013-14
 - 2014-15
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17
- 3) Please provide the number of convictions 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:

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) investigates all referrals of suspected human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances. Where the AFP assesses there is a reasonable suspicion of human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances, the AFP accepts a referral for further investigation. The number of referrals of trafficking, slavery and slavery-like circumstances is provided below (on a financial year basis):

- 2011-12: 41 new referrals

- 2012-13: 52 new referrals
- 2013-14: 70 new referrals
- 2014-15: 119 new referrals
- 2015-16: 169 new referrals
- 2016-17: 137 new referrals

The number of prosecutions for trafficking, slavery and slavery-like offences before the courts at the end of each financial year is provided below:

- 2011-12: 4 matters, involving 5 defendants
- 2012-13: 7 matters
- 2013-14: 4 matters, involving 9 defendants
- 2014-15: 2 matters, involving 4 defendants
- 2015-16: 4 matters, involving 7 defendants
- 2016-17: 7 matters, involving 9 defendants

The number of convictions for trafficking, slavery and slavery-like offences is provided below (on a financial year basis):

- 2011-12: 4
- 2012-13: 2
- 2013-14: 0
- 2014-15: 0
- 2015-16: 1
- 2016-17: 3