

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Australian Federal Police**

**Question No. BE17-168**

**Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:**

- 1) How many unlawful non-citizens have been removed by Taskforce Cadena?
- 2) How many arrests has Taskforce Cadena resulted in? Convictions?
- 3) How many briefs of evidence prepared for the CDPP have involved slavery and trafficking crimes?
- 4) How many briefs of evidence prepared for the CDPP have involved?
- 5) How many prosecutions has the DIBP secured under the employer sanctions provisions of the Migration Act, including those of aggravated offences which involve exploitation? Amount of fines imposed?

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

Taskforce Cadena is a joint agency initiative between Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and the Fair Work Ombudsman. Within DIBP, the taskforce is led by its operational arm, the Australian Border Force (ABF).

The AFP is not a member of Taskforce Cadena; however, we work in close collaboration with, and provide assistance to, the taskforce if there are concerns or allegations relating to human trafficking, or where human trafficking offences are identified.

Questions relating to removal of unlawful non-citizens, arrests, convictions, briefs of evidence and prosecutions in relation to Taskforce Cadena are best directed to DIBP and/or ABF.