

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

Question No. BE17-183

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 28 August 2017:

How many referrals has the CDPP had for federal drug offences under the criminal code in each of the following years:

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

2017-18 to date

How many resulted in prosecution?

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

2017-18 to date

How many resulted in a conviction?

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

2017-18 to date

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

1. Referrals received by the CDPP for federal drug offences under the criminal code in each of the following years:

2010 -11	281
2011 – 12	350
2012 – 13	407
2013 – 14	375
2014 – 15	279
2015 – 16	342
2016 – 17	379
2017 – 18	49
to 15/9/2017	

2. In the following years the number of referrals resulting in prosecution:

2010 -11	309
2011 – 12	342
2012 – 13	392
2013 – 14	381
2014 – 15	275
2015 – 16	342
2016 – 17	275
2017 – 18	20
to 15/9/2017	

3. In the following years the number of conviction from referrals were:

2010 -11	217
2011 – 12	279
2012 – 13	227
2013 – 14	282
2014 – 15	279
2015 – 16	255
2016 – 17	253
2017 – 18	52
to 15/9/2017	

The above data reflects matters received within a given financial year and does not provide a percentage basis for the number of matters prosecuted as matters received in one year may be finalised in another financial year.

These figures do not represent a conviction rate as a matter may be prosecuted in one year but finalised in another year