

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14-167) PROGRAM – Program Type

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Question

How many reports of misconduct, corrupt or criminal activity have been made by officers since the new legislation came into effect?

Answer:

The legal requirement to report suspected cases of serious misconduct, corrupt conduct or criminal activity involving one or more Customs workers is known as “mandatory reporting”. This obligation to report came into effect on 15 February 2013 under Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Order 2 of 2013: “Mandatory Reporting of Serious Misconduct, Corrupt Conduct and Criminal Activity Involving Customs Workers” (*CEO Mandatory Reporting Order*).

From introduction of the ‘mandatory reporting’ to 28 February 2014 there have 584 reports of possible misconduct, corrupt or criminal activity.

Of those reports:-

- 35 matters have been referred to the Australian Commissioner for Law Enforcement Integrity;
- 37 matters have been referred for Code of Conduct Inquiry;
- 512 matters were not substantiated, referred to the line area to manage or demonstrated an insufficient nexus with the Service or a Customs worker.