

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015**

Question

Will the Minister state how many individuals have been subject to -

- 1) baggage searches;
- 2) personal searches;
- 3) strip searches, including cavity searches;
- 4) X-Rays

in the past 3 years to-date (2013 to 2015), on the suspicion of importing illegal drugs;

How many of these were (1) charged and (2) not charged and (3) how many of these convicted of a subsequent offence?

Answer

The information below is as full and accurate as the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service's information technology systems allow in terms of statistical reporting. To enable the statistics to be put into context, the total number of passengers arriving at the ports has also been included.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to report the number of baggage searches conducted solely relating to the importation of illegal drugs, as there may be a number of reasons why a person is questioned or their baggage searched. In addition to the import/export of illegal drugs, Officers have regard to all assigned Customs and Immigration matters, including the import/export of prohibited or restricted goods, evasion of revenue and the proceeds of drug trafficking.

Intimate searches are only undertaken by medical practitioners.

*Note: *Arrivals figures are sourced from www.jersey.com. 2015 arrivals figures are to the end of October 2015. All other 2015 figures are to 10 December 2015.*

Type of record	2013	2014	2015
Air and Sea passenger arrivals*	1,090,935	1,134,318	1,034,537
Persons examined (including those solely questioned at Customs controls without baggage searches)	894	862	834
Personal "rubdown" searches, including "protective searches"	23	19	22
Strip searches	90	89	78
X-Ray examinations	22	15	14
Number of persons charged with drug offences	49	47	50
Number of persons convicted of drug offences	49	45	49
Value of drugs seized	£2,376,343	£950,301	£1,648,471