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The number forced marriages which were brought to the attention of the Department in both 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The number of forced marriages which were brought to the attention of the Department where the complaint originated from the state of Victoria in 2016-17 and 2017-17

During 2016-17 and 2017-18 FY, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) was aware of **41** cases of possible forced marriage. Of these, **19** were from the State of Victoria.

These include cases referred by the Department or the Australian Border Force to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for investigation, as well as cases referred by the AFP to the Government funded Support for Trafficked People Program, administered by the Department of Social Services.

A breakdown by financial year is provided in [Table 1](#) below.

Table 1: Total number of possible forced marriage cases by FY

FY Year	Total	Victoria
2016-17	27	13
2017-18	14	6
TOTALS	41	19

** Note: these statistics do not include allegations of possible forced marriage cases that did not meet the threshold for formal referral to the AFP, but rather referred for information.