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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
Review of Declared Areas Provisions

22 September 2020

QoN Number: 01

Subject: Traveller numbers

Asked by: The Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP

Question:

Your joint submission states that since 2012, around 230 Australians or former Australians have travelled to Syria or Iraq to fight with or support groups in the conflict. Is it possible to state how many of those travelled to Syria or Iraq between March 2015 (when Mosul and al-Raqqqa became declared areas) and December 2019 (when the declaration in respect of Mosul was revoked)?

Answer:

Due to the fluid security environment and limited intelligence coverage in Syria and Iraq, the Department does not have precise details of travel routes or ultimate destinations of this cohort.