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Review of the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement

Responses to Questions on Notice

Mr Cameron Thompson asked what investigations had DIMA undertaken into a "conspiracy theory", that is was possible for people from Pacific Island nations to use multiple names to spawn multiple identities.

Response: DIMA has not undertaken any investigation into the theory raised by Mr Cameron Thompson. If evidence was provided to the Department, of persons from Pacific Islands using multiple identities, an investigation would be undertaken. Any investigation into welfare fraud would be a matter for the Department of Human Services. DIMA would become involved if those investigations indicated any immigration fraud.

Mr Barresi asked: What are the numbers of New Zealanders who are coming to Australia from New Zealand.

Response: Attached are two tables.
The first table "*New Zealand Citizen Arrivals to Australia*" shows the number of New Zealand citizens who entered Australia during the 2005-06 program year. These figures are broken down into persons intending a long term stay, and those intending a short term stay. These figures are then broken down into previous nationalities.

The table "*Australian Citizen departures to New Zealand*" shows the number of Australian citizens travelling to New Zealand with the same breakdown as the previous table.

Chair asked: The claim is that people apply to New Zealand, because for migration purposes there is easier access, and, having qualified for their two years, they then travel with their New Zealand passport to Australia, where they do not need a visa. Is there any evidence of that?

Response: The attached table "*New Zealand Citizen Arrivals to Australia*" shows the number of persons, in 2005-06, who travelled to Australia on New Zealand passports and who were born elsewhere. Those figures show that 6,127 New Zealand citizens who were born in another country indicated that they intended a stay in Australia of 12 months or more.

Chair asked: When you say that the total number of visitors is 1.3 million, you have about one-third of the New Zealand population in that and I am sure a lot of them come over for footy matches and other things on multiple visits. It is probably not broken down in that way. How many of those would be multiple visits?

Response: The Department is undertaking further data manipulation to extract this information and will provide a further response to the committee shortly.

Mr Snowden asked: The figures you gave us about the flight last week: do you have a return flight you can give us the same figures for?

Response: Flight NZ136, which departed Brisbane for Auckland on 17 July 2006, carried 338 passengers.

Of those, 205 were New Zealand citizens; 36 were Australian citizens; 48 were United States citizens; 19 were United Kingdom citizens; 11 were Canadian; 10 were from the People's Republic of China; and there were three each from Germany, The Netherlands and South Africa.

Chair asked: Do you have figures for people who have taken out Australian citizenship who previously had New Zealand citizenship?

Response: The figures for previous New Zealand citizens obtaining Australian citizenship are as follows:

2005-06 Program Year - 7,196
2004-05 Program Year - 9,363
2003-04 Program Year - 13,156

The New Zealand Government has advised that the following number of persons were granted New Zealand citizenship:

2005-06 Program Year - 27,780
2004-05 Program Year - 23,251
2003-04 Program Year - 21,072

New Zealand Citizen Arrivals to Australia

July 2005 - April 2006

by country of birth, ranked by total perm. & long-term arrivals

COUNTRY OF BIRTH	Total Permanent & Long-term Arrivals		Total Short Term Arrivals	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
1 NEW ZEALAND	23711	79.5%	912674	85.2%
2 UNITED KINGDOM	897	3.0%	51574	4.8%
3 SAMOA	693	2.3%	9725	0.9%
4 SOUTH AFRICA	536	1.8%	8844	0.8%
5 AUSTRALIA	460	1.5%	14948	1.4%
6 INDIA	361	1.2%	4772	0.4%
7 CHINA	334	1.1%	6941	0.6%
8 FIJI	232	0.8%	8169	0.8%
9 UNITED STATES	204	0.7%	4554	0.4%
10 TONGA	194	0.7%	2349	0.2%
11 PHILIPPINES	172	0.6%	1994	0.2%
12 TAIWAN	172	0.6%	3128	0.3%
13 KOREA (SOUTH)	162	0.5%	1628	0.2%
14 COOK ISLANDS	143	0.5%	3149	0.3%
15 SRI LANKA	116	0.4%	2000	0.2%
16 CAMBODIA	88	0.3%	921	0.1%
17 ZIMBABWE	76	0.3%	1239	0.1%
18 IRAQ	68	0.2%	1326	0.1%
19 CANADA	65	0.2%	2184	0.2%
20 MALAYSIA	62	0.2%	2406	0.2%
21 HONG KONG	61	0.2%	2864	0.3%
22 FMR USSR	59	0.2%	957	0.1%
23 BANGLADESH	53	0.2%	756	0.1%
24 SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	51	0.2%	876	0.1%
25 TOKELAU	46	0.2%	257	0.0%
OTHER	822	2.8%	21542	2.0%
TOTAL	29838		1071780	

"Australia" does not include ext'l territories. "China" excludes Special Administrative Regions and Taiwan.

Permanent NZ arrivals are NZ citizens indicating an intention to settle. Long term is a 12 month or more period of stay, short term is a less than 12 month stay.

Australian Citizen Departures to New Zealand

July 2005 to April 2006

by country of birth, ranked by total permanent and long-term departures

COUNTRY OF BIRTH	Total Permanent & Long-term Departures		Total Short Term Departures	
1 AUSTRALIA	8224	77.0%	418552	76.3%
2 NEW ZEALAND	626	5.9%	32100	5.9%
3 UNITED KINGDOM	497	4.7%	33963	6.2%
4 SOUTH AFRICA	110	1.0%	5064	0.9%
5 SAMOA	89	0.8%	1893	0.3%
6 CHINA	89	0.8%	3933	0.7%
7 FIJI	76	0.7%	3989	0.7%
8 VIET NAM	53	0.5%	1687	0.3%
9 INDIA	48	0.4%	2814	0.5%
10 MALAYSIA	44	0.4%	2156	0.4%
11 NETHERLANDS	41	0.4%	2351	0.4%
12 UNITED STATES	41	0.4%	2705	0.5%
13 HONG KONG	36	0.3%	2045	0.4%
14 TONGA	34	0.3%	768	0.1%
15 GERMANY	34	0.3%	2354	0.4%
16 CANADA	34	0.3%	1532	0.3%
17 PHILIPPINES	33	0.3%	1380	0.3%
18 PAPUA NEW GUINEA	28	0.3%	1031	0.2%
19 IRELAND REPUBLIC OF	26	0.2%	1786	0.3%
20 SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	26	0.2%	767	0.1%
21 SRI LANKA	25	0.2%	2091	0.4%
22 POLAND	24	0.2%	1186	0.2%
23 ITALY	23	0.2%	2034	0.4%
24 KOREA (SOUTH)	23	0.2%	516	0.1%
25 THAILAND	19	0.2%	205	0.0%
OTHER	383	3.6%	19685	3.6%
TOTAL	10686		548582	

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