

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/139) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Singh (L&CA 99) asked:

Senator SINGH: How many people have applied for asylum while entering the country on a tourism or visitor visa?

Dr Southern: I think we will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Between 1 July 2013 and 31 May 2014, a total of 32 tourist visa holders sought to engage Australia's protection obligations upon arrival at an Australian international airport.