

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(37) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Barnett (L&C 84) asked:

In relation to the 153 Australian on MAL, provide further particulars. Are they involved in people-smuggling? Do they have a criminal record? Provide an overview of the type of people on the list.

Answer:

Further data cleansing has reduced the number to 151 Australian identities listed on the Movement Alert List (MAL). Of these, seven are national security alerts, one relates to a Surrendered Damaged Australian Travel Document and 143 records directly relate to Organised Immigration Malpractice. Australian identities listed on MAL are engaged in the organisation of known or suspected immigration fraud rackets such as:

- people smuggling
- document fraud
- illegal prostitution
- other illegal employment
- bogus marriages.