

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(147) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many travellers to Australia have been detected presenting with false or altered documents in the last financial year? How does this compare to the last 5 financial years?

Answer:

(1) From 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, DIAC systems indicate that 141 people presented at the border without appropriate documentation. They were refused immigration clearance. This group includes those who arrived without a travel document, without a travel document that is in force, with a counterfeit (bogus) travel document or with a travel document issued to someone else. It also includes those who arrived without a visa, or without a visa that was in effect.

(2) In 2008-09, 147 travellers to Australia were recorded as arriving without appropriate documentation. This compares with 128 in 2007-08, 173 in 2006-07 and 188 in 2005-06.