

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(197) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk asked:

How often have 'failed' asylum seekers been sent out of Australia to any country without signed travel documents, or with Australian Certificates of Identity that they have not signed? How many have been sent back to Australia?

Answer:

The Department does not record this data in a form that is readily collated and is, therefore, unable to answer the first question.

The Department is not aware of any person having been returned to Australia after removal because of unsigned travel documents.