QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES: 28 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(15) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ellison (L&CA 37) asked:

Provide data on the number of residents and citizens who re-entered Australia in 2006-07.

Answer.

In 2006-07, a total of 110 041 Australian residents, including Australian citizens, arrived back in Australia after being away for one year or more. In the same year, some 5 114 647 Australian residents and citizens returned after being overseas for less than one year.

This information is taken from the passenger card which everyone entering or leaving Australia must complete and which asks respondents for their nationality and resident status.