

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Barnett (L&CA 51-52) asked:

How many visa overstayers are there?

Answer:

The Department estimates the number of visa overstayers every six months from data compiled from several departmental systems. The most recent of these calculations was undertaken on 31 December 2007, and showed that there were 46,500 visa overstayers in Australia.