

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(104) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Humphries (L&C 80) asked:

Take the three or four most common countries of repatriation and provide the most common routes taken for taking people back there.

*Answer:*

Program information on the number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) since October 2008 indicates that currently the most common countries for removal of IMAs (in descending order) are:

- Sri Lanka;
- Indonesia; and
- Iran.

Clients usually travel on commercial flights. Depending on the travel route for the individual, flights may depart directly from Christmas Island or may travel via a transit point in Australia or Asia.

Examples of flight routes are below:

Recent travel routes to Sri Lanka:

- Christmas Island -> Singapore -> Sri Lanka
- Sydney -> Kuala Lumpur -> Sri Lanka
- Perth -> Singapore -> Sri Lanka

Recent travel routes to Indonesia:

Christmas Island -> Indonesia  
Perth -> Indonesia

Recent travel routes to Iran:

Perth -> Bangkok -> Doha -> Tehran