QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0295) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 23) asked:

Provide the percentage of people who claim to have had their passport taken from them in Indonesia, for example, or admit to having destroyed their documents, their passports?

Answer:

We do not have ready access to this level of detailed data. However, in 2011-12, approximately 85 per cent of irregular maritime arrivals arrived without any documentation.