

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27- 28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0100) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Furner (L&CA 32) asked:

Mr Allen: The interview at the airport is undertaken our airport inspectors. If a claim is raised that engages our obligations, information is collected and the claim is referred to an officer from the onshore protection branch here in Canberra, usually a senior officer or a senior delegate, for consideration.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How often does this occur?

Mr Allen: I can give you some figures for the current year.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: That would be great.

Mr Allen: For this year, 2012-13, to 30 April there were 47 protection claimants screened in at Australian airports.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How many were screened out?

Mr Allen: I do not have an answer for that. It would be contained within the broader group of people who are interviewed and are then removed from Australia. I would need to take that part of the question on notice.

*Answer:*

The detailed information sought is not readily available in consolidated form and it would be a major task to collect and assemble it. The considerable resources required to collate the information cannot be justified.