

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0196) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 115) asked:

Senator CASH: Do we have a breakdown of how many Sri Lankans departed port in Indonesia for Australia?

Mr Bowles: We would have an understanding of direct arrivals from Sri Lanka and of those who came via Indonesia. Some of this is managed through Border Protection but we will take that on notice and provide it in the context that we deal with things.

Answer:

Of the Sri Lankan IMAs who were interviewed by the Department in 2012-13 (to 31 May 2013), 99 reported that they had departed Indonesia before arriving in Australia.