

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(124) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk (L&C) asked:

How many people on board the Urangan, Virginia and Zillmere were deemed to be Pakistani citizens? How many from those boats left the country and where did they go?

Answer:

Of the 374 people who arrived onboard the boats Urangan, Virginia and Zillmere, departmental records identify 3 as Pakistani citizens.

60 of these have left Australia, with 3 having been removed to Pakistan, 5 having been voluntarily repatriated to Afghanistan and, as of 6 January 2006, 52 departed Australia without being subject to removal or repatriation. As outwards passenger cards only show the country in which the 52 will spend most time while they are abroad, the Department cannot verify their final destinations. Their cards showed 34 to Pakistan, 6 to Iran, 4 to Germany and 2 to Afghanistan. Information about a final destination is not available for the remaining 6.