

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES: 21 OCT 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(40) Output 1.1: Migration and Visa Policy

Senator Ellison asked:

In relation to data about the number of residents and citizens who re-entered Australia in 2006-07, question on notice No. 15 from May gave figures for 2006-07. Could we have an update for 2007-08?

Answer:

The updated figures for 2007-08 are as follows:

In 2007-08, a total of 110 832 Australian residents, including Australian citizens, arrived back in Australia after being away for one year or more. There were 5 692 490 returns, including multiple returns, of Australian residents, including citizens, who had been overseas for less than one year.

This information is taken from the passenger card which everyone entering or leaving Australia must complete and which asks respondents for their nationality and resident status.