

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(301) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many IMAs arrived in 2009-10?
- (2) How many did so, without any recognisable form of identity documentation?
- (3) How many IMAs are believed to have conducted part of their journey to Australia by plane?
- (4) Please provide a break down by nationality.

Answer:

- (1) A total of 5327 IMAs arrived in the 2009-10 financial year. Entry interviews are not conducted with dependent children 16 years old and younger.
- (2) Based on information obtained through the entry interview of 5209 IMAs where identity documentation information has been recorded, 936 IMAs (or 18 percent) held some form of identity documentation on arrival in Australia
- (3) Using the same sample, 3970 (or 76.5 percent) are recorded as having travelled by air at least once during their journey to Australia.

