

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (349) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) What kind of bona fide checks are undertaken in high risk posts?
- (2) Which posts are they?
- (3) What is the current overstayer rate of visitors from those overseas posts?
- (4) How does this compare with the past three years?

*Answer:*

In regards to parts (1) and (2) of this question and historic data relating to parts (3) and (4), I refer Senator Cash to the response to question 123 at Additional Budget Estimates of 9 February 2010.

3. Table 1 provides the five countries with arrivals of more than 5000 with the highest Modified Non Return Rate (MNRR) in 2009-10.

<b>Highest Modified Non Return 2009-10 for Arrivals of More Than 5000</b>		
<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of Arrivals</b>	<b>MNRR*</b>
Saudi Arabia	5396	5.13
Pakistan	5179	4.81
Tonga	5592	4.27
Greece	6467	3.24
Lebanon	5494	2.91

Table 1 – MNRR 2009-10 – highest MNRR countries with arrivals of more than 5000

\*The Department uses Modified Non Return Rates (MNRR) to determine which case loads represent high risks.

The MNRR is a calculation of the percentage of visitors who have arrived, whose initial visa has expired within the reporting period and either remain in Australia unlawfully, who have departed Australia on an expired visa, or who have applied for a subsequent visa other than visas that are deemed to be of benefit to Australia.

The global average MNRR in 2009-10 was approximately 0.75 per cent.

Table 2 provides the five countries with arrivals of more than 5000 with the highest overstayer rate in 2009-10.

<b>Highest Overstayers 2009-10 for Arrivals of More Than 5000</b>	
<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Overstayer rate</b>
Tonga	1.76
Greece	0.99
Malaysia	0.66
Israel	0.57
Philippines	0.37

Table 2 – Overstayers 2009-10 – highest overstayer countries with arrivals of more than 5000 arrivals

The overstayer rate is the number of non-citizens who overstayed their temporary visa (excluding Bridging E visas) by more than 14 days within the financial year as a percentage of the total number of temporary entries for that year.

The overall overstayer rate in 2009-10 was approximately 0.35 per cent.

4. Table 1 provides the five countries with arrivals of more than 5000 with the highest Modified Non Return Rate (MNRR) for the last three years.

<b>Highest Modified Non Return Rates 2007- 08 to 2009-10 for Arrivals of More Than 5000</b>								
<b>2007- 08</b>			<b>2008- 09</b>			<b>2009 -10</b>		
<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of Arrivals</b>	<b>MNRR</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of Arrivals</b>	<b>MNRR</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of Arrivals</b>	<b>MNRR</b>
Greece	6318	3.70	Tonga	6698	5.04	Saudi Arabia	5396	5.13
Lebanon	5650	3.42	Lebanon	5929	2.84	Pakistan	5179	4.81
Vietnam	20 588	2.83	Sri Lanka	11 797	2.72	Tonga	5592	4.27
Portugal	6313	2.23	Greece	6017	2.48	Greece	6467	3.24
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Greece	0.94	Tonga	4.82	Tonga	1.76
Philippines	0.89	Greece	1.01	Greece	0.99
Malaysia	0.78	Malaysia	0.86	Malaysia	0.66
Israel	0.63	Lebanon	0.62	Israel	0.57
Poland	0.29	Philippines	0.55	Philippines	0.37

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