

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(351) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many travellers to Australia have been detected presenting with false or altered documents in the last financial year?
  
- (2) How does this compare to the last five financial years?

*Answer:*

(1) From 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, DIAC systems indicate that in the order of 140 people presented at the border without appropriate documentation. They were refused immigration clearance. This group includes those who arrived without a travel document, without a travel document that is in force, with a counterfeit (bogus) travel document or with a travel document issued to someone else. It also includes those who arrived without a visa, or without a visa that was in effect.

(2) This figure has declined slightly over the past five financial years. In 2008-09, just under 150 travellers to Australia were recorded as arriving without appropriate documentation. This compares with almost 130 in 2007-08, just over 170 in 2006-07 and almost 190 in 2005-06.