

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(352) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many unlawful non citizens have been located as a result of compliance activities?
- (2) How many have been removed from Australia?
- (3) How does this compare with activity in each of the last three financial years?

Answer:

(1) 14 169 unlawful non-citizens and people in breach of their visa conditions were located as a result of onshore compliance activities in the 2009-10 financial year, including those who voluntarily approached the Department seeking to resolve their status.

(2) 1077 onshore compliance clients in detention were removed from detention during the 2009-10 financial year.

(3) Clients located as a result of onshore compliance activities in the previous two financial years are as follows:

- 10 925 in 2007-08; and
- 12 230 in 2008-09.

As a result of updates to departmental systems, the figures provided above differ from those previously provided in the 2007-08 and 2008-09 annual reports which were 10 722 and 11 428 respectively.

The numbers of onshore compliance clients removed from detention in the previous two financial years are as follows:

- 1547 in 2007-08; and
- 1150 in 2008-09.