

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(353) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) What is the percentage of people refused immigration at airports and seaports, as a proportion of total passenger and crew arrivals for the period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010?
- (2) What does that figure translate to in terms of numbers of people refused immigration?
- (3) Please provide the reasons for which these people were refused immigration?

Answer:

(1) For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (Financial Year 2009-10), people refused immigration clearance at airports and seaports represented 0.012 per cent of total passenger and crew arrivals.

(2) The figure 0.012 per cent translates to 1640 people refused immigration clearance at Australia's airports and seaports in Financial Year 2009-10. This number comprises 1573 people refused immigration clearance at airports and 67 people refused immigration clearance at seaports.

(3) Of the 1573 people refused immigration clearance at an airport in the Financial Year:

- 54 per cent were refused as persons of bona fides concern;
- 23 per cent were refused for providing incorrect information in their visa application or incoming passenger card;
- 10 per cent were refused as persons of character concern;
- 9 per cent were refused for being inappropriately documented (travel document or visa); and
- 4 per cent were refused for other reasons.

Of the 67 people refused immigration clearance at a seaport in the Financial Year:

- 96 per cent were refused as persons of bona fides concern; and
- 4 per cent were refused as persons of character concern.