

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL SECURITY AUTHORITY

**Question No. 9**

**Senator Boyce asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

**Senator BOYCE:** I have questions around the number of bankrupts who apply to travel overseas. Ms Ingram, do you have numbers on that? Are you able to give me figures or quantify and qualify?

**Ms Ingram:** I can take the question on notice, but I understand it is roughly five per cent, and that is cumulative. Obviously you are talking about new bankrupts in a year, and then you have current bankrupts who may be in their second or third year of bankruptcy.

**Mr McCosker:** Over the last few financial years—we [do] not have the exact figures with us but we can provide those on notice—it is between five and eight per cent of the total number of active administrations that we have on foot at any given time.

**Senator BOYCE:** It would be good if you could provide that information on notice.

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**Senator BOYCE:** What percentage of applications to travel do you approve and how many are refused?

**Ms Ingram:** I would have to take that on notice, but I would say about 99 per cent, probably, would be approved—the vast majority.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The table below provides details on the number of travel requests received and processed during the financial years 2009-10 to 2012-13 against the number of debtors under the control of the Official Trustee.

	Number of debtors not discharged under OT control	Number of Travel Requests	% of travel Requests relating to open estates	Approved Travel Requests	% of Travel Requests Approved	Rejected Travel Requests	% of Travel Requests Rejected
<b>2009-10</b>	70675	4277	6.05%	4019	93.97%	11	0.26%
<b>2010-11</b>	69004	5247	7.60%	4987	95.04%	16	0.30%
<b>2011-12</b>	64075	5968	9.31%	5730	96.01%	7	0.12%
<b>2012-13</b>	57265	6062	10.59%	5867	96.78%	6	0.10%

NOTE: the table excludes travel requests for applications that have either been cancelled, withdrawn or are pending a decision as at 30 June each year.