

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0129) PROGRAMME –

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Of those who have returned to Australia from Sri Lanka after having been screened-out and removed to Sri Lanka, how many upon return to Australia have made claims of being detained in Sri Lanka on return?

Answer:

This information is not able to be reported on from departmental systems. File notes of the ten people known to have returned to Australia indicate three were detained upon return to Sri Lanka.

Under Sri Lankan law people who depart from any place other than an approved port of departure (such as an airport or seaport) and/or depart without valid travel documents can be charged with an offence under the Immigration and Emigration Act of 1948 (I&E Act) and may be detained upon their return to Sri Lanka.