

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0130) 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 arrested in Sri Lanka on return?

Answer:

This information is not able to be reported on from departmental systems. File notes of the ten who returned to Australia from Sri Lanka, indicate three were detained in Sri Lanka, however there is no specific mention of being arrested.

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).