

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 38

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following questions at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Which islands are most of these crew being recruited from at the moment?

Mr Pezzullo: At the province level, and that is the best detail I have: northern Sumatra, west Java and East Nusa Tenggara.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You don't have the detail?

Mr Pezzullo: I suspect someone would have that detail but I do not have it before me.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you take that on notice?

Mr Pezzullo: Yes.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Has there been a move away from boat crew being recruited from Roti to a more remote island? Do you have a sense of that?

Mr Pezzullo: I would have to take that on notice. To the extent we can put that on the public record by way of a response to this committee we will endeavour to do so. We will need to consult with a number of colleagues.

The answers to the honourable Senator's questions are as follows:

Although crew for people smuggling vessels can be recruited from throughout Indonesia, some localities continue to feature strongly as crew places of residence. Foremost among these localities are Rote and Kupang in Nusa Tenggara Timor. Tables 1 and 2 summarise crew data for 2010 and 2011, respectively, derived from biographical data provided by SIEV crew members.

For 2010 (Table 1), of a total of 345 crew to arrive that year, 38 listed Kupang, as their place of residence, while 56 listed Rote, both in Nusa Tenggara Timor. Data from 2011 (Table 2), lists a total of 168 crew arrivals for that year, of which 37 were from Kupang and 34 from Rote.

At the regional-level, for 2010, 89 crew were listed from Nusa Tenggara Timor (in addition to those from Kupang), 60 from Java, 29 from Sulawesi, and 24 from Jakarta. For 2011, 45 crew were listed from Nusa Tenggara Timor (in addition to those from Kupang and Sabu), 28 from Java, 20 from Sulawesi and 8 from Sumatra.

Crew biographical data to the end of May 2012 indicates that of 95 crew arrivals, there had been 18 crew listed from Kupang, 10 from Rote, 14 from Sulawesi and 9 from Maumere.

From the available data, there does not appear to be an obvious shift in focus from crew being recruited from Rote to a more remote island.

Table 1. Place of Residence - SIEV crew arrivals 2010

Place of Residence 2010	Region	Island	Count	Total
	Nusa Tenggara	Kupang	38	38
	Java	Central Java	7	60
		East Java	2	
		Kecamatan	3	
		Java	4	
		Bogor	1	
		Tegal	1	
		Sukabumi	9	
		Malang	2	
		West Java	9	
		Surabaya	2	
		Probolinggo	19	
		Pacitan	1	
		Kalimantan	Kalimantan	
	Bali	Bali	1	1
	Nusa Tenggara Timor	Alor	27	89
		Flores	5	
		Rote	56	
		Sawu	1	
Nusa Tenggara Barat	Lombok	12	12	
Riau Islands	Batam	1	1	
Maluku	Ambon	1	4	
	Maluku	1		
	Ternate	2		
North Maluku	Sinjai Utara	3	3	
Sulawesi	Bau Bau	1	29	
	Buton	1		
	Makassar	5		
	Takalar	8		
	Mataoleo	3		
	Southeast Sulawesi	4		
	Sulawesi	7		
Sumatra	North Sumatra		2	
	Riau			
	Sumatra	1		
	South Sumatra	1		
Unknown	Unknown	45	45	
Jakarta	Jakarta	24	24	
	Benkong	1	1	
	Yogyakarta	2	2	
	Cilacap	6	6	
	Pedang	1	1	
	Jawa	4	4	
	Banjuwangi	3	3	
	Banten	3	3	
	Sumbawa	3	3	

		Bone	1	1
		Maumere	2	2
		Tembilahan	1	1
		Bangka	2	2
		Pelabuhan Ratu	2	2
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Table 2. Place of Residence - SIEV crew arrivals 2011

	Place of Residence 2011		Count	Total
	Region	Island		
	Nusa Tenggara	Kupang	37	38
		Sabu	1	
	Java	Central Java	11	28
		East Java	10	
		Java	2	
		West Java	5	
	Nusa Tenggara Timor	Alor	7	45
		Flores	3	
		Rote	34	
		Sawu	1	
	Nusa Tenggara Barat	Lombok	4	7
		Mataram	1	
		Sumbawa	2	
	Riau Islands	Batam	4	4
	Maluku	Ambon	2	2
	Sulawesi	Bau Bau	2	20
		Buton	8	
		Southeast Sulawesi	1	
		Sulawesi	9	
	Sumatra	North Sumatra	1	8
Riau		1		
Sumatra		3		
South Sumatra		3		
Unknown	Unknown	16	16	
			168	