

Question on notice no. 46

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2017-18 Supplementary budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio

Senator Murray Watt: asked the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on 23 October 2017—

Senator WATT: You said, Ms Dacey, something like: from time to time, this kind of thing happens. Do you know how often over the last financial year someone holding a Maritime Crew visa has jumped ship?

Ms Dacey: I would have to say no. I know that there are obligations for the master of the ship to report deserters. That's under the Migration Act, but I don't have the detail about the numbers.

Senator WATT: Who do they report that to?

Ms Dacey: To the department.

Mr Outram: We could get that information for you.

Senator WATT: If you could take that on notice in Australian waters, generally; maybe if we could get it for the last three financial years?

Ms Dacey: Yes.

Senator WATT: And, if it's possible, can you break that down by port, or in some way narrow it down, so we can see whether there are any particular areas causing concern?

Ms Dacey: Hotspots; yes.

Senator WATT: I take it then that you don't have a number of confirmed and suspected cases of overseas sailors abandoning their ship in the hopes of slipping into Australia unnoticed?

Ms Dacey: I don't have that number, I'm sorry.

Senator WATT: Is that something you could take on notice?

Ms Dacey: I think we could agree to take it on notice. I'm just not sure

Mr Outram: Obviously, the masters are under obligation to report deserters. If it's reported, then we'll be able to provide that information.

Senator WATT: As well as providing it by port, could you provide the numbers of sailors; the dates they were reported to have abandoned their ships; the name of the ship; and the companies running those ships? Could you take that on notice, presuming you have that information.

Ms Golightly: To the extent we can get it, yes.

Answer —

The following data has been compiled from Departmental records. However the Department does not hold complete records to identify the shipping companies associated with these vessels.

2017-18 (1 July – 1 November 2017)

Date	Number of Sailors	Port	Vessel Name
10/07/2017	1	Albany	Yasa Unity
12/07/2017	1	Bunbury	Stellar Stream II
13/07/2017	1	Newcastle	Ocean Aphrodite
27/07/2017	1	Port Hedland	MV Shandong RenHe
10/08/2017	1	Port Hedland	Yuan Fu Star
29/09/2017	1	Port Hedland	King Robert
3/10/2017	5	Fremantle	Maysora
3/10/2017	1	Fremantle	MV Hongxin Ocean
26/10/2017	1	Adelaide	Ping Hai Wan
1/11/2017	4	Port Adelaide	Bader III

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Date	Number of Sailors	Port	Vessel Name
10/07/2016	1	Esperance	Hebei Triumph
18/07/2016	1	Newcastle	Kronos Island
22/07/2016	1	Esperance	Ocean Shine
27/07/2016	1	Newcastle	Dream Coral
9/08/2016	1	Hobart	Mutsu
	1	Port Hedland	Zosco Hong Kong
11/08/2016			
11/08/2016	1	Hobart	Mutsu
28/08/2016	1	Port Hedland	Hebei Triumph
11/09/2016	1	Townsville	Nord Yilan
06/10/2016	1	Port Hedland	Ocean Cosmos
12/10/2016	1	Port Hedland	Super Star
29/10/2016	1	Port Hedland	Stella Cherise
1/12/2016	2	Geraldton	Soho Trader
6/12/2016	1	Dampier	Stella Charlene
15/12/2016	1	Portland	Royal Award
16/12/2016	1	Hay Point	Rosco Poplar
19/12/2016	1	Townsville	Ever Brilliant
19/12/2016	1	Newcastle	NSU Trust
30/12/2016	1	Dampier	Ocean Queen

15/01/2017	1	Gladstone	Hebei Qinhuangdao
15/01/2017	1	Geraldton	BasicQueen
16/01/2017	1	Geraldton	Brasil SW
21/01/2017	1	Dampier	MV CDBL Ore
Date	Number of Sailors	Port	Vessel Name
11/02/2017	1	Burnie	Nanjing Express
16/02/2017	3	Freemantle	BADER III
23/02/2017	1	Freemantle	Elgiznur Cebi
24/02/2017	1	Sydney	Magellan
27/02/2017	1	Port Kembla	GeniusSW
28/02/2017	1	Port of Melbourne	Xing Rong Hai
04/03/2017	1	Newcastle	NSA Newstar
23/04/2017	1	Newcastle	Leading Clory
21/05/2017	1	Newcastle	NSU Keystone
22/05/2017	1	Port of Portland	Dyna Pure
05/06/2017	2	Northern Tasmania	Uni Harmony” (Woodchip Ship
03/06/2017	1	Gladstone	MV Bulk Harvest
08/06/2017	1	Gladstone	MV FeistyKaren
05/06/2017	1	Gladstone	MV Bulk Harvest
29/06/2017	1	Newcastle	Yangtze Grace
30/06/2017	1	Gladstone	Bulk Integrity

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Date	Number of Sailors	Port	Vessel Name
8/07/2015	1	Bunbury	Panamax Breeze

			Hanjin Buenos Aires
9/07/2015	1	Port Botany	
26/07/2015	1	Port Kembla	Genius Star XI
6/08/2015	1	Gladstone	Ulusoy II
9/08/2015	2	Newcastle	C. Polaris
8/09/2015	1	Port Kembla	Chorus
			Daiwan Champion
8/09/2015	1	Portland	
19/09/2015	1	Sydney	City of Xiamen
13/10/2015	2	Bunbury	Top Trader
11/11/2015	1	Gladstone	Spring Cosmos
16/11/2015	1	Brisbane	STI Olivia
28/11/2015	9	Geraldton	Superstar Virgo
		Weipa - Located in hotel	
1/12/2015	1		Sunny Sailor
2/12/2015	1	Sydney	Astor
Date	Number of Sailors	Port	Vessel Name
9/12/2015	1	Sydney	Superstar Virgo
10/12/2015	2	Sydney	Superstar Virgo
6/01/2016	1	Melbourne	Nectar Sea
19/01/2016	1	Kwinana	Densa Falcon
			Sumatera Express
27/01/2016	1	Albany	
30/01/2016	1	Port Kembla	TW Manila
20/02/2016	2	Sydney	Aurora
24/02/2016	1	Melbourne	Noordam
26/02/2016	4	Fremantle	Bader III
29/02/2016	1	Bunbury	Kmarin Ulsan
2/03/2016	1	Port Walcott	Stella Anita
			Golden Princess
9/03/2016	1	Melbourne	
12/04/2016	2	Port Adelaide	Maysora
2/05/2016	1	Port Hedland	Ocean China
3/05/2016	1	Port Adelaide	Westgate
11/05/2016	1	Port Hedland	Ocean Lady
25/05/2016	1	Portland	Royal Award
6/06/2016		Port Walcott	MV Gracious Eternity
	1		
11/06/2016	1	Port Hedland	Cape Rich

13/06/2016	1	Port Hedland	Ocean China
29/06/2016	2	Fremantle	Maysora
30/06/2016	1	Port Hedland	Ocean Lucky