

Question on notice no. 58

Portfolio question number: OSE23-058

2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator James Paterson: asked the Australian Border Force on 23 October 2023—

Senator PATERSON: Thank you. On notice could you provide the total number of boats and individuals who have been intercepted since the election?

Rear Adm. Jones: Yes, certainly.

Senator PATERSON: Thank you.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 3.4: Border Enforcement

**OSE23-058 - Operation Sovereign Borders - Number of Interceptions since
Election**

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Rear Adm. Jones: Yes, certainly.

Senator PATERSON: Thank you.

Answer:

250 people from nine maritime people smuggling ventures were intercepted between 21 May 2022 and 31 August 2023 and have been safely returned to their country of origin or departure. All of these people were returned to either Sri Lanka or Indonesia.