

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/051) - SmartGate - Programme 1.1 Border Management (ACBPS)

Senator Reynolds, Linda (L&CA 92) asked:

Senator REYNOLDS: How many people use it or how many entries are there via SmartGate every year?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will just check with my colleagues to see if those stats are available, otherwise we might have to take it on notice. There are heads shaking all round so I will take that on notice.

Answer:

Since its inception, in August 2007, the total number of eligible travellers, including Australian, New Zealand, United States of America, United Kingdom, Singapore, Swiss, Irish, Canadian, Chinese, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwanese and Japanese nationals that have successfully cleared SmartGate as at 18 March 2015 is 18.96 million.

	Successful entries
2007/2008	51,624
2008/2009	239,952
2009/2010	1,146,001
2010/2011	1,743,222
2011/2012	2,529,387
2012/2013	3,488,014
2013/2014	4,905,720
2014/2015*	4,853,293

*2014- 2015 figures as at 18 March 2015

The take up rate for automated border processing is rapidly increasing with more than 35% of all arriving travellers currently using this fast and convenient arrangement.