

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/088) - Ships arrive with crew who do not have MCV's - Programme 2.3:  
Visas**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 137) asked:

Senator PRATT: How often do ships come ashore without the correct visas?

Mr Quaedvlieg: Is the question: how often do ships arrive here with crew who do not have MCVs?

Senator PRATT: Yes.

Mr Quaedvlieg: It is not that often. It happens not regularly but frequently enough for us to have a consciousness of it, but it does not happen every day or every week, if that is the question.

Senator PRATT: Is that something you can take on notice in terms of which—

Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes, we can.

*Answer:*

People who arrive on ships without a Maritime Crew Visa (MCV) will be Refused Immigration Clearance at the border where no other visa option is available to them. This financial year to date, out of all persons arriving into Australia recorded on departmental systems, 20 people arriving on eight vessels have been Refused Immigration Clearance (RIC) at our seaports because they did not have a visa on arrival.

These statistics were extracted on 16 March 2017.