

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Australian Federal Police**

**Question No. BE17-044**

**Senator Hinch asked the following question on 25 May 2017:**

Senator HINCH: Back in February estimates, you gave me figures that in 2015 800 people on the so-called secret sex offenders register went overseas and of them 340, I think it was, went to South-East Asia—to Myanmar, Cambodia and the Philippines—on what I call 'child rape holidays'. Do you have the figures for the next year, 2016?

Mr Colvin: I will just check—we do not have them at the table, but we can certainly get them for you. I am told we do not have those figures and so we will take it on notice.

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

In 2016, there were 384 travel movements made by 312 Reportable Child Sex Offenders (RSCO) where a South East Asian country was listed as the primary destination.

An additional 112 travel movements were made where South East Asian countries were nominated as a secondary or transit destination.

In total, 496 travel movements were made by 406 RCSOs where a South East Asian country was either the travel destination or a transit destination.

For the purposes of these statistics, South East Asian includes: Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Brunei, Cambodia, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

In total for the 2016 calendar year there were 1060 travel movements for RCSOs with a total of 786 RCSOs who travelled.

These figures reflect the total number of RCSOs travelling; the AFP makes no assertions as to the number of RCSOs who reoffended while overseas in 2016.