

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/042) - Dates of Turn-backs - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 102-103) asked:

Senator Pratt: Thank you. And can you take on notice providing a list of all dates of turn-backs since the adoption of the turn-back policy and the details of the country of origin of those boats and the asylum seekers on them, if you have a record of that.

Mr Pezzullo: I think that—to be helpful, again—we have answered that on and off over the years, on the record, because I remember signing off on various tables that expressed that information.

Senator Pratt: Yes, that is right.

Mr Pezzullo: So we will look at what we can do by way of refreshing those tables.

Senator Pratt: Refreshing that table with the latest information—thank you.

Answer:

Overview of Returned People Smuggling Ventures

Number	Date of Return	Total Number of People on Board	Summary
1	December 2013	49	Turnback
2	December 2013	50	Turnback
3	December 2013	40	Turnback
4	January 2014	47	Assisted Return
5	January 2014	27	Turnback
6	January 2014	58	Turnback
7	February 2014	38	Turnback
8	February 2014	28	Turnback
9	May 2014	20	Turnback
10	May 2014	3	Turnback

11	May 2014	3	Turnback
12	July 2014	41	Takeback
13	September 2014	10	Assisted Return
14	November 2014	37	Takeback
15	January 2015	3	Assisted Return
16	February 2015	4	Takeback
17	March 2015	17	Turnback
18	April 2015	46	Takeback
19	May 2015	71	Assisted Return
20	July 2015	46	Takeback
21	August 2015	27	Turnback
22	November 2015	3	Turnback
23	November 2015	17	Turnback
24	February 2016	5	Takeback
25	March 2016	8	Assisted Return
26	May 2016	12	Takeback
27	May 2016	3	Assisted Return
28	June 2016	21	Takeback
29	August 2016	6	Takeback
30	March 2017	25	Takeback

To preserve operational security, further details will not be disclosed.