

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/046) - Traditional Visitor Permit - total number of person-days back to 2014-15 - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 104) asked:

Senator WATT: Could you also take on notice to provide the total number of person-days—individuals multiplied by days—that were spent in Torres Strait by traditional visitors, back to 2014-15.

Mr Outram: We will endeavour to do that, if we have the data to enable us to do so.

Senator WATT: And, similarly, the average length of stay in Torres Strait for traditional visitors, back to 2014-15.

Mr Outram: Similarly, if we have access to the data to enable us to do that, then we will do so. We will take it on notice.

Answer:

The Department does not keep records for the total number of person-days spent in the Torres Strait by traditional visitors from Papua New Guinea.

The average length of stay for traditional visitors is one day.