QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/115) - IMAs without Identity documents - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator Hume, Jane asked:

Can you give us an indication of how many of the 50,000 illegal maritime arrivals presented in Australia without identity documents? How many of that 50,000? It does not need to be an exact amount—I realise it is difficult—maybe it could be a percentage?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection estimates that over 80 per cent of illegal maritime arrivals (IMAs) were undocumented.