

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/200) - PNG Traditional visitors in Torres Strait - statistics - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please provide the number of Traditional Visitor to the Torres Strait from Papua New Guinea per annum for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 and for the six months July-December 2016

Please provide the total number of person days (individuals multiplied by days present) spent in the Torres Strait by Traditional Visitors from Papua New Guinea per annum for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 and for the six months July-December 2016

Please provide the average length of stay in the Torres Strait of Traditional Visitors from Papua New Guinea per annum for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 and for the six months July-December 2016

Answer:

The arrival number of Papua New Guinea (PNG) Traditional Visitors:

Year	Arrival Movements
1 July 2016 – 31 December 2016	17,452
1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016	34,930
1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015	25,648

The Department does not keep records for the total number of person days spent in the Torres Strait by PNG Traditional Visitors.

The average length of stay for Traditional Visitors is for one day. Most Traditional Visitors travel for trade and barter, and arrive in the morning and depart in the afternoon.