QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/454) PROGRAMME – 3.2 Compliance, Detention Status Resolution

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

QUESTION

- How many people have been returned to their country of origin? Categorise by gender, age and nationality.
- How many people have been forcibly returned to their country of origin? Categorise by gender, age and nationality.

Answer:

Between 27 May 2014 and 27 November 2014, 86 Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) have been voluntarily removed from Australia to Afghanistan, Albania, Canada, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

The age range of the 86 IMAs voluntarily removed was between 1 and 66 years of age. The gender breakdown for the 86 IMAs was 76 males and 10 females.

Between 27 May 2014 and 27 November 2014, 153 IMAs have voluntarily returned from the Australian community to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Sudan.

The age range of the 153 IMAs voluntarily returned was between 3 months and 74 years of age. The gender breakdown for the 153 IMAs was 138 males and 15 females.

Between 27 May 2014 and 27 November 2014, 7 IMAs have been involuntarily removed from Australia to Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The age range of the 7 IMAs involuntarily removed was between 2 and 68 years of age. All 7 IMAs were male.