

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/024) - Australian removals compared to New Zealand removals - Programme 2.1: Citizenship

Senator Collins, Jacinta (L&CA 73) asked:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How many Australians have been removed in comparison to how many New Zealanders in Australia?

Mr Pezzullo: I am not sure that we could get the data during the break.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That is why I was suggesting it might take a little longer.

Mr Pezzullo: There would be some data, because our border officers would have to receive such persons. Unless the commissioner or his officers just happen to have the data, I think it will take us a bit longer than 15 minutes to check. But we can take it on notice, Senator, if you wish.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes please.

Answer:

From 1 January 2012 to 30 September 2015, 358 New Zealand nationals were removed from onshore immigration detention and departed Australia. Of these, 303 New Zealand nationals were removed from onshore immigration detention and departed Australia following cancellation of their visa under Section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

The number of Australians removed from New Zealand is a matter for the New Zealand Government.