

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE16/002) - Foreign fighters provisions - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 41) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: You have said that you will get me a precise figure, but roughly how many people have been prevented from travelling under these foreign fighters provisions?

Mr Buchhorn: As the acting commissioner identified, there would be a conversation with the passenger which would then impact on their ability to make their flight, effectively. They get offloaded by the airlines themselves.

Senator KIM CARR: So how many?

Mr Buchhorn: I do not have that to hand.

Mr Outram: We can probably come back to you today with those details.

*Answer:*

Due to imminent departure of flights, airlines have off-loaded passengers who were being spoken to by the Counter-Terrorism Unit.

The number of persons that have not departed on their original flight due to border intervention are:

- 2015–16 Financial Year – 408
- 2016–17 Financial Year – 40 (as at 30 October 2016)