

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 FEBRUARY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 58) asked:

Provide a breakdown by nationality and visa category for the 50,000 overstayers.

Answer:

Below is the estimate generated from departmental systems of the top 15 overstayer citizenships by visa category, as at 31 December 2008. The report is generated bi-annually.

Country of citizenship	Visitors	Students	Temporary Residence	Other	Total
China, Peoples Republic of	3,990	1,010	100	120	5,220
United States of America	4,560	40	180	60	4,840
Malaysia	3,330	130	10	40	3,510
United Kingdom	2,580	50	490	160	3,280
Philippines	2,360	20	50	230	2,660
Korea, Republic of	2,120	220	170	40	2,550
Indonesia	1,910	300	60	50	2,320
India	750	330	100	170	1,350
Thailand	1,110	200	20	10	1,340
Germany, Federal Republic of	1,250	20	50	20	1,340
Vietnam	1,180	120	10	20	1,330
Japan	1,100	40	90	10	1,240
France	1,050	10	70	20	1,150
Fiji	800	40	20	30	890
Canada	720	10	70	10	810
Remaining countries	11,160	1,120	860	860	14,000
TOTALS	39,970	3,660	2,350	1,850	47,830

** Errors are known in the collation of overstayer data for a number of reasons, for instance, people departing on different passports to those on which they entered, and the rounding of data. In light of this, an error rate is applied which is derived from a random sampled of data to come up with an estimate of the number of overstayers.*