

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(116) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

How many onshore protection visa applications, by nationality, were lodged by people, who were not IMAs, and arrived without visas or identity documentation, i.e. were unlawful?

*Answer:*

Most arrivals by air have a valid travel document and visa to enter Australia.

In 2009-10, 116 air arrivals raised a protection claim at the border. Of these, 75 were without documents (including some who claimed to have destroyed their documents en route) and 41 were with documents (some of which were detected at the border as fraudulent).

In 2010-11 (to 11 March 2011), 30 air arrivals raised a protection claim at the border. Of these, 23 were without documents and 7 were with documents.

The claimed citizenships at the border of the 2010-11 air arrivals are as follows:

Citizenship	Number
Iraq	6
Sri Lanka	6
Other	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

Source: Manually collated data as at 11 March 2011, Border Security Policy Branch, DIAC.