SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 36

Senator Cash asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:

Senator CASH: How many asylum seekers arrived with their identity documents in those two calendar years and to date?

Mr Carmody: I do not know that we have that figure, but I think DIAC may be able to provide that level of information.

Senator CASH: So that is not something that falls within your remit. Is that what you are saying?

Mr Carmody: As far as I know, that is not material that we would file.

Senator CASH: I will put that on notice to the department of immigration.

Mr Carmody: If I am wrong and we have it, we will provide it on notice, but I think it is a question for DIAC.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Customs and Border Protection does not collect this information. This question should be directed to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.