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Dear Ms Dunstone

HISTORICAL ILLEGAL ENTRY VESSEL ARRIVAL INFORMATION

I previously provided to the Committee, on 7 March 2014, correspondence in which tabulated information on historical illegal entry vessel arrivals for the period 18 September to 7 November 2013 was included. I also undertook to continually review information of public interest for release where it is no longer operationally sensitive.

As part of that ongoing review, I am now able to table a compilation of illegal entry vessel arrivals transferred to Australian Government authorities, during the period 18 September 2013 to 19 December 2013.

I respectfully request the attachment be tabled.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. Illegal Entry Vessel Arrivals Table – 18 Sept 13 to 19 Dec 13

Illegal Entry Vessel Arrivals - 18 September to 19 December 2013

Vessel	Detection		Interception and Boarding			Transfer to Australian Government Authorities	IMA and Crew Numbers
	Approximate Time / Date	Approximate Location	Time / Date	Approximate Location	Asset		
1	0751 AEST 21-Sep-13	30 nautical miles east of Christmas Island	1424 AEST 22-Sep-13	3 nautical miles east of Christmas Island	HMAS Maitland	On 22 September 2013, all 33 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island.	31 IMA 2 Crew
2	1157 AEST 22-Sep-13	50 nautical miles west of Ashmore Islands	1521 AEST 22-Sep-13	20 nautical miles north-west of Ashmore Islands	ACV Triton	On 24 September 2013, all 21 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities in Darwin	18 IMA 3 Crew
3	24-Sep-13	Arrived at Boigu Island	0700 AEST 25-Sep-13	The passengers on the vessel were detained by Australian Government authorities on Boigu Island	ACV Botany Bay	On 26 September 2013, all 7 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Horn Island.	7 IMA
4	2035 AEST 24-Sep-13	145 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	1018 AEST 26-Sep-13	36 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	HMAS Maryborough HMAS Maitland (assisting)	On 26 September 2013, all 72 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island	70 IMA 2 Crew
5	1437 AEST 29-Sep-13	70 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	2049 AEST 29-Sep-13	20 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	HMAS Armidale HMAS Maryborough (assisting)	On 30 September 2013, all 82 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island	79 IMA 3 Crew
6	0937 AEST 9-Oct-13	90 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	1738 AEDT 9-Oct-13	50 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	HMAS Warramunga	On 12 October 2013, all 55 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island	53 IMA 2 Crew
7	1520 AEDT 10-Oct-13	3 nautical miles north west of West Island, Cocos Keeling Island	1550 AEDT 10-Oct-13	1 nautical mile west of West Island, Cocos Keeling Island	ACBPS 640	On 11 October 2013, all 79 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Cocos Keeling Islands.	79 IMA
8	1404 AEDT 15-Oct-13	34 nautical miles north west of Bathurst Island	1430 AEDT 15-Oct-13	93 nautical miles north west of Darwin	HMAS Pirie	On 21 October 2013, all 42 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island	40 IMA 2 Crew
9	1333 AEDT 15-Oct-13	64 nautical miles north north east of Christmas Island	1505 AEDT 15-Oct-13	55 nautical miles north-north-east of Christmas Island	HMAS Warramunga	On 17 October 2013, all 42 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island	41 IMA 1 Crew
10	2019 AEDT 18-Oct-13	108 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	1830 AEDT 19-Oct-13	50 nautical miles north of Christmas Island	HMAS Bathurst HMAS Ballarat (assisting)	On 20 October 2013, all 128 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities at Christmas Island	126 IMA 2 Crew
11	0933 AEDT 7-Nov-13	approximately 128nm north east of Christmas Island	1158 AEDT 7-Nov-13	126nm north east of Christmas Island	HMAS Ballarat	On 10 November 2013 all 63 personnel were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	61 IMA 2 Crew

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12	1807 AEDT 10-Nov-13	71nm north-north-west of Cape Fourcroy (Tiwi Is)	0111 AEDT 11-Nov-13	36nm north of Cape Fourcroy	ACV Cape Saint George	On 11 November 2013 all 68 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies in Darwin	66 IMA 2 Crew
13	1230 AEDT 10-Nov-13	45nm north east of Christmas Island	1457 AEDT 10-Nov-13	38nm north-east of Christmas Island	HMAS Ballarat	On 11 November 2013 all 40 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	36 IMA 4 Crew
14	1500 AEDT 15-Nov-13	20 nm north of Christmas Island	1737 AEDT 15-Nov-13	10nm north of Christmas Island	HMAS Launceston	On 17 November all 39 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	35 IMA 4 Crew
15	1013 AEDT 27-Nov-13	15nm north west of Christmas Island	1123 AEDT 27-Nov-13	11nm north-north west of Christmas Island	ACV Ocean Protector	On 27 November all 11 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	9 IMA 2 Crew
16	1636 AEDT 1-Dec-13	55nm north-west of Christmas Island	2126 AEDT 1-Dec-13	32nm north of Christmas Island	HMAS Broome	On 3 December 2013 all 31 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	29 IMA 2 Crew
17	1554 AEDT 4-Dec-13	63nm north-north-east of Christmas Island	2153 AEDT 4-Dec-13	23nm north-east of Christmas Island	HMAS Larrakia	On 6 December 2013 all 72 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	70 IMA 2 Crew
18	1442 AEDT 5-Dec-13	Greta Beach, Christmas Island	1442 AEDT 5-Dec-13	Greta Beach Christmas Island	National Parks & Wildlife, ACV Ocean Protector, HMAS Larrakia & HMAS Stuart assisting	On 6 December 2013 all 27 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	25 IMA 2 Crew
19	0936 AEDT 5-Dec-13	17nm north-north-east of Christmas Island	1135 AEDT 5-Dec-13	12nm North of Christmas Island	HMAS Broome	On 6 December 2013 all 63 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	61 IMA 2 Crew
20	1459 AEDT 8-Dec-13	45nm East-south-east of Ashmore Island	1919 AEDT 8-Dec-13	32nm south-east of Ashmore Island	ACV Roebuck Bay	On 11 December 2013 All 5 people from the vessel were transferred to Australian Government authorities in Darwin	3 IMA 2 Crew
21	1756 AEDT 10-Dec-13	69nm north-north-west of Christmas Island	0815 AEDT 11-Dec-13	21nm north west of Christmas Island	HMAS Stuart	14 December 2013 all 71 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	69 IMA 2 Crew
22	1556 AEDT 13-Dec-13	135nm North of Christmas Island	1452 AEDT 14-Dec-13	22nm North of Christmas Island	HMAS Larrakia	On 19 December 2013 all 100 people were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island	98 IMA 2 Crew