

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(48) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&C 62) asked:

Provide the numbers of overstayers located and removed over the last six years and provide the percentage of the breakdown.

Answer:

The table below compares the size of the pool of overstayers in the Australian community with the size of the groups of overstayers located and removed in the relevant year. This table does not report locations and removals where the person has not overstayed their visa. For example, the table does not include locations of people in breach of other visa conditions and removal of people where the visa was cancelled.

Financial Year	Overstayers Estimate Date	Estimate of Overstayers @ end of FY	Overstayers Located	Located / Estimated Overstayers	Overstayers Removed**	Removed** / Estimated Overstayers
2003-04	30 June 2003	59,800	14,232	23.8%	7,755	13.0%
2004-05	30 June 2004	51,000	13,012	25.5%	7,540	14.8%
2005-06	30 June 2005	48,000	7,574	15.8%	5,236	10.9%
2006-07	30 June 2006	46,500	8,909	19.2%	5,098	11.0%
2007-08	30 June 2007	46,500	8,866	19.1%	4,857	10.4%
2008-09*	30 June 2008	48,500	8,951*	18.5%*	3,502*	7.2%*

*2008-09 financial year until 31 March 2009

**Removed refers to all compliance related departures, including removal, destitute removal, criminal deportation, monitored and supervised departure. Removal does not include voluntary departure of individuals from the community initiated by the client.