

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

Question No. 61

Senator Barnett asked the following questions at the hearing on 26 May 2011:

- a) How many unauthorised arrivals and people have arrived since August 2008?
- b) How many unauthorised arrivals and people have arrived in the calendar years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 to date?
- c) How many boats have arrived undetected to Christmas Island or to the Australian mainland? How many unauthorised boats have either been intercepted or arrived at Christmas Island, Ashmore Reef, Cocos Island and how many near the Australian mainland?
- d) Can you provide further and better particulars regarding those, including the dates? Could you indicate the number of boats and the number of people on the boats plus the crew?
- e) I would like up-to-date figures for the amount of sea and air cargo that is physically inspected and examined. I would like those same figures for the last four years and the effect of budget cuts on the amount of cargo screened, if any.
- f) I would like you to provide up-to-date figures for the illicit drugs intercepted at the border. I would like to know whether detections have gone up or down over the past 12 months.

The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

- a) Unauthorised arrivals and people since August 2008

Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel Arrivals (SIEVs) (1 August 2008 - 9 June 2011)			
1 August 2008 - 9 June 2011	SIEVs	Potential Irregular Immigrants (PIIs)	Crew
TOTAL	228	10977	561

- b) Unauthorised arrivals and people in calendar years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 to date

Unauthorised Arrivals by Calendar Years (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 YTD)			
1 Jan 2008 - 31 Dec 2008	7	161	18
1 Jan 2009 - 31 Dec 2009	60	2726 ¹	141
1 Jan 2010 - 31 Dec 2010	134	6535 ^{2,3}	345
1 Jan 2011 - 9 Jun 2011	27	1555 ⁴	57

¹ Includes 5 deceased at sea (SIEV 36) & 12 deceased at sea (SIEV 69)

² Does not include 5 reportedly lost at sea (SIEV 143)

³ Includes 30 deceased at sea (SIEV 221) - subject to Coronial inquiry and may change

⁴ Excludes 1 Torres Strait arrival

c) **SIEV Arrivals by Place of Interception (1 January 2008 - 9 June 2011)⁶**

SIEV Arrivals by Place of Interception	Christmas Island (inside CZ)⁵	Ashmore Island (inside CZ)	Cocos Island (inside CZ)	Mainland (inside CZ)
Detected	66	90	1	6
Undetected	6	1	0	1
Total	72	91	1	7

⁵The term 'inside CZ' refers to SIEVs intercepted inside the contiguous zone of the place of interception. Under relevant legislation SIEVs can only be boarded inside the 24 nautical mile CZ. All references to 'detected' SIEVs refer to vessels intercepted prior to making landfall.

⁶The remaining SIEVs were intercepted at a destination within Australia's Search and Rescue Region (not inside Christmas Island, Ashmore Islands, Cocos Islands or Mainland contiguous zone).

d) **Further and Better Particulars of SIEV Arrivals since 1 January 2008**

Date	SIEV No.	PIIs	Crew
29-Sep-08	24	12	2
06-Oct-08	25	14	3
19-Nov-08	26	10	2
27-Nov-08	27	12	0
02-Dec-08	28	35	5
06-Dec-08	29	44	3
16-Dec-08	30	34	3
17-Jan-09	31	17	3
14-Mar-09	32	52	2
28-Mar-09	33	50	0
02-Apr-09	34	59	4
08-Apr-09	35	38	1
15-Apr-09	36	47	2
22-Apr-09	37	32	0
25-Apr-09	38	55	2
29-Apr-09	39	69	3
29-Apr-09	40	4	3
05-May-09	41	51	2
11-May-09	42	31	3
24-May-09	43	74	4
09-Jun-09	44	2	2
23-Jun-09	45	50	4
28-Jun-09	46	193	0
11-Jul-09	47	72	0
13-Aug-09	48	77	0
29-Aug-09	49	52	3
07-Sep-09	50	7	1
12-Sep-09	51	83	4
12-Sep-09	52	66	3
15-Sep-09	53	58	4
16-Sep-09	54	51	4

20-Sep-09	55	54	0
23-Sep-09	56	100	0
27-Sep-09	57	12	0
27-Sep-09	58	28	4
29-Sep-09	59	43	0
01-Oct-09	60	69	3
09-Oct-09	61	52	3
12-Oct-09	62	58	2
17-Oct-09	63 ⁸	0	0
18-Oct-09	64	39	4
21-Oct-09	65	22	2
22-Oct-09	66	32	0
23-Oct-09	67	29	4
29-Oct-09	68	34	4
01-Nov-09	69	39	0
04-Nov-09	70	13	3
14-Nov-09	71	49	3
15-Nov-09	72	27	4
16-Nov-09	73	10	1
16-Nov-09	74	41	2
20-Nov-09	75	50	2
23-Nov-09	76	56	2
26-Nov-09	77	49	3
26-Nov-09	78	29	2
27-Nov-09	79	22	4
03-Dec-09	80	53	4
03-Dec-09	81	15	3
06-Dec-09	82	40	2
09-Dec-09	83	53	0
10-Dec-09	84	60	3
15-Dec-09	85	51	4
18-Dec-09	86	55	4
26-Dec-09	87	6	3
28-Dec-09	88	10	1
29-Dec-09	89	30	3
30-Dec-09	90	48	4
31-Dec-09	91	58	4
03-Jan-10	92	76	4
03-Jan-10	93	30	2
08-Jan-10	94	27	3
10-Jan-10	95	14	2
13-Jan-10	96	43	0
22-Jan-10	97	29	4
23-Jan-10	98	36	2
26-Jan-10	99	48	3
01-Feb-10	100	171	4
04-Feb-10	101	84	4
06-Feb-10	102	49	0
12-Feb-10	103	49	2
18-Feb-10	104	41	4
20-Feb-10	105	10	3
24-Feb-10	106	43	4
25-Feb-10	107	45	2

28-Feb-10	108	58	0
03-Mar-10	109	46	4
06-Mar-10	110	80	3
07-Mar-10	111	28	2
10-Mar-10	112	46	3
11-Mar-10	113	24	3
11-Mar-10	114	8	4
13-Mar-10	115	40	2
19-Mar-10	116	95	0
21-Mar-10	117	18	4
23-Mar-10	118	19	3
23-Mar-10	119	55	2
24-Mar-10	120	94	3
27-Mar-10	121	7	1
28-Mar-10	122	37	4
29-Mar-10	123	41	3
31-Mar-10	124	64	3
02-Apr-10	125	78	4
04-Apr-10	126	50	4
05-Apr-10	127	21	1
07-Apr-10	128	99	4
08-Apr-10	129	68	3
09-Apr-10	130	8	2
10-Apr-10	131	36	4
11-Apr-10	132	25	2
11-Apr-10	133	31	4
16-Apr-10	134	78	3
20-Apr-10	135	46	2
22-Apr-10	136	9	3
25-Apr-10	137	49	2
26-Apr-10	138	41	4
27-Apr-10	139	50	4
28-Apr-10	140	23	3
03-May-10	141	39	2
06-May-10	142	26	2
09-May-10	143	59	0
10-May-10	144	38	3
10-May-10	145	83	0
11-May-10	146	49	1
12-May-10	147	21	4
13-May-10	148	53	2
15-May-10	149	88	4
16-May-10	150	43	4
18-May-10	151	39	2
29-May-10	152	53	2
02-Jun-10	153	28	2
03-Jun-10	154	54	3
05-Jun-10	155	39	5
05-Jun-10	156	46	3
08-Jun-10	157	36	2
11-Jun-10	158	51	4
12-Jun-10	159	59	5
15-Jun-10	160	33	3

18-Jun-10	161	26	0
18-Jun-10	162	48	0
23-Jun-10	163	51	2
26-Jun-10	164	96	3
02-Jul-10	165	74	4
03-Jul-10	166	34	2
06-Jul-10	167	43	3
11-Jul-10	168	37	2
12-Jul-10	169	71	3
14-Jul-10	170	84	3
21-Jul-10	171	41	2
21-Jul-10	172	43	2
28-Jul-10	173	82	4
10-Aug-10	174	57	2
14-Aug-10	175	17	4
17-Aug-10	176	50	2
19-Aug-10	177	31	3
21-Aug-10	178	23	2
22-Aug-10	179	20	1
27-Aug-10	180	36	2
28-Aug-10	181	37	2
31-Aug-10	182	36	2
01-Sep-10	183	86	3
03-Sep-10	184	59	2
06-Sep-10	185	52	4
13-Sep-10	186	89	2
20-Sep-10	187	49	2
29-Sep-10	188	18	2
01-Oct-10	189	23	4
01-Oct-10	190	37	4
04-Oct-10	191	71	2
07-Oct-10	192	56	2
08-Oct-10	193	75	3
09-Oct-10	194	66	3
11-Oct-10	195	10	2
13-Oct-10	196	57	2
21-Oct-10	197	99	2
21-Oct-10	198	78	3
22-Oct-10	199	26	1
24-Oct-10	200	62	2
26-Oct-10	201	44	3
27-Oct-10	202	25	4
02-Nov-10	203	80	2
02-Nov-10	204	63	0
03-Nov-10	205	11	1
03-Nov-10	206	71	1
04-Nov-10	207	23	2
07-Nov-10	208	81	0
07-Nov-10	209	2	1
11-Nov-10	210	39	3
17-Nov-10	211	114	2
18-Nov-10	212	53	4
25-Nov-10	213	29	4

27-Nov-10	214	40	2
27-Nov-10	215	37	3
30-Nov-10	216	59	2
01-Dec-10	217	97	3
09-Dec-10	218	40	4
10-Dec-10	219	62	3
14-Dec-10	220	8	3
15-Dec-10	221	69	3
16-Dec-10	222	53	2
19-Dec-10	223	56	4
21-Dec-10	224	68	2
25-Dec-10	225	57	3
04-Jan-11	226	90	2
07-Jan-11	227	76	4
06-Feb-11	228	48	4
08-Feb-11	229	53	2
18-Feb-11	230	48	2
26-Feb-11	231	102	3
04-Mar-11	232	18	0
04-Mar-11	233	23	2
12-Mar-11	234	35	0
16-Mar-11	235	48	2
17-Mar-11	236	136	4
21-Mar-11	237	57	4
30-Mar-11	238	37	2
08-Apr-11	239	52	2
12-Apr-11	240	44	2
17-Apr-11	241	54	2
22-Apr-11	242	50	3
22-Apr-11	243	81	0
28-Apr-11	244	81	3
05-May-11	245	63	0
07-May-11	246	83	2
14-May-11	247	32	1
16-May-11	248	54	2
16-May-11	249	20	1
30-May-11	250	52	4
04-Jun-11	251	57	2
06-Jun-11	252	61	2

⁸ A SIEV number was assigned to this vessel, which was later confirmed to not be a SIEV

e) Up-to-date figures for sea and air cargo physically inspected and examined

Sea Cargo Inspections		
Year	PBS Inspection Volume	Actual Inspections
1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008	133,000	138,209
1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009	134,000	134,544
1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010	101,500	101,822
1 July 2010 – 31 May 2011	101,500	Year-to-date 92,420

Sea Cargo Examinations		
Year	PBS Examination Volume	Actual Examinations
1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008	13,300	15,587
1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009	14,300	15,835
1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010	14,000	14,175
1 July 2010 – 31 May 2011	14,000	Year-to-date 12,939

Air Cargo Inspections		
Year	PBS Inspection Volume	Actual Inspections
1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008	6,200,000	6,186,207
1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009	6,200,000	6,150,914
1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010	1,500,000	1,492,762
1 July 2010 – 31 May 2011	1,500,000	Year-to-date 1,399,009

Air Cargo Examinations		
Year	PBS Examination Volume	Actual Examinations
1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008	N/A	*No data available for year
1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009	N/A	95,185
1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010	N/A	66,821
1 July 2010 – 31 May 2011	N/A	66,826

* Collection of Air Cargo Examination data commenced in March 2008.

f) Up-to-date figures for illicit drugs intercepted at the border

Drug name	Number of detections 1 May 2009 to 30 Apr 2010	Number of detections 1 May 2010 to 30 Apr 2011	Weight detected (kg) 1 May 2009 to 30 Apr 2010	Weight detected (kg) 1 May 2010 to 30 Apr 2011	Increase or reduction in weight detected over the past 12 months
Amphetamine-type stimulants	642	1047	66.0	98.7	+49.6%
Cannabis	1390	2169	18.2	26.5	+45.8%
Cocaine	263	463	119.8	978.8	+717.0%
Heroin	275	228	138.5	345.5	+149.5%
MDMA (Ecstasy)	40	127	4.3	11.5	+169.3%