

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0243) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 119) asked:

In relation to question 126 from February 2011 Estimates hearing, provide an update of the answer on irregular maritime arrivals that arrive by plane to Indonesia that do not have passports to present to Australian authorities when they arrive in our waters?

Answer:

Of 5003 IMAs who arrived in Australia between 1 July 2008 and 6 May 2011 who indicated during the entry interview process they had entered Indonesia by air prior to arriving in Australia, 4949 did not have passports to present to Australian authorities.