

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE11/0247) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 115) asked:

How many travellers to Australia, over the last three years, have presented with false or altered documents?

*Answer:*

Non-citizen travellers arriving at an air or sea port in Australia may be refused immigration clearance on a number of grounds, including for presenting inappropriate documentation to clearance officers. 'Inappropriately documented arrivals' refers to travellers who were refused immigration clearance at the border and who arrived

- without a travel document, or
- without a travel document that is in force, or
- with a bogus travel document, or
- with a travel document issued to someone else (impostor) or that has been fraudulently altered,

as well as travellers who were refused immigration clearance, who arrived on a genuine passport without a visa in effect and who were not granted a visa in clearance.

Inappropriately documented arrivals at Australian air and sea ports:

	Total
2008-09:	562
2009-10:	210
2010-11 to 30/4:	165