

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0255) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

Of the IMAs who indicated they had travelled by plane on part of their journey to Australia, what was the breakdown of their country of embarkation?

Answer:

It is not possible to obtain an exact breakdown of the countries in which IMAs embarked aircraft to come to Australia due to incomplete or fragmented information provided by IMAs. However, the information we obtain from IMAs indicates the major countries of embarkation were Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, and Turkey.