

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(48) Output 1.3: Border Security

Senator Ellison asked:

How many disrupted enterprises have there been in this calendar year?

Answer:

Press reports indicate regional law enforcement authorities prevented six people smuggling ventures to Australia in 2008.

- Indonesian police detained 39 people, including Iraqis in mid November 2008.
- Indonesian authorities arrested 20 Afghan nationals and the Indonesian boat crew in early November 2008.
- Authorities in Timor Leste arrested 16 Sri Lankans and boat crew in mid October 2008.
- Indonesian authorities detained some 35 Iraqis in Bima, Flores, in mid August 2008.
- Indonesian authorities arrested a small group of Indian nationals in Nusa Tenggara Timor in May 2008 when the Indians attempted to obtain a boat.
- Indonesian authorities detained a group of Vietnamese in April 2008 when the boat on which they were travelling became lost.

Other ventures have been disrupted but details are not available for publication.