QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(301) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

(1) How many IMAs arrived in 2009-10?

(2) How many did so, without any recognisable form of identity documentation?

(3) How many IMAs are believed to have conducted part of their journey to Australia by plane?

(4) Please provide a break down by nationality.

Answer.

(1) A total of 5327 IMAs arrived in the 2009-10 financial year. Entry interviews are not conducted with dependent children 16 years old and younger.

(2) Based on information obtained through the entry interview of 5209 IMAs where identity documentation information has been recorded, 936 IMAs (or 18 percent) held some form of identity documentation on arrival in Australia

(3) Using the same sample, 3970 (or 76.5 percent) are recorded as having travelled by air at least once during their journey to Australia.

IMAs by nationality, by month for 2009/2010 financial year													
Nationality	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total by nationality
Afghan		50	158	219	235	285	183	421	346	585	316	187	2985
Bangladeshi					2		1						3
Burmese			7		11	25			24	9	13		89
Indonesian			58										58
Iranian		2	41	5	24	9	38	6	35	38	37	76	311
Iraqi			23	14	9	93	72	5	53	26	10	76	381
Kuwaiti			1	1		2			1	4		3	12
Pakistani					1	8			1		1	6	17
Palestinian			1			1			12				14
Persian												3	3
Sri Lankan	72	77	197	32	39	44		107	102		142	42	854
Stateless			8	62	64	12	7	11	128	43	71	146	552
Somali										7			7
Syrian				2								1	3
Turkish												1	1
Vietnamese			8									26	34
Yemeni							2				1		3
Total per month	72	129	502	335	385	479	303	550	702	712	591	567	5327

(4) Please see attached breakdown by nationality.