QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0234) Program 3.1: Risk, Fraud and Integrity

Senator Cash (L&CA 116) asked:

In relation to the destruction of documents, in the 2010-11 financial year and the year to date how many IMAs arriving in Australia did so by flying to Indonesia first? How many of those IMAs who arrive by plane from Indonesia subsequently do not have passports to present to Australian authorities?

Answer.

Between 1 July 2010 and 17 October 2011, 3237 IMAs who arrived in Australia indicated in their entry interview that they had travelled to Indonesia by air prior to arriving in Australia. Of these, 3200 subsequently did not have passports to present to Australian authorities.