

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0265) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

What is the current overstay rate of visitors from those overseas posts? How does this compare with the past three years?

Answer:

This question was answered in Question Taken on Notice (350) from October 2010 Senate Estimates. Provided below are updated Overstayer rates with arrivals of more than 5000 visitors.

Table 1 provides the five countries with arrivals of more than 5000 visitors with the highest overstayer rate in 2010-11.

Highest Overstayer Rates 2010-11 for Visitor Arrivals of more than 5000	
Country of Citizenship	Rate
Tonga	1.66%
Greece	0.91%
Vietnam	0.61%
Malaysia	0.57%
Israel	0.57%

Table 2 – Overstayers 2009-10 – highest overstayer countries with arrivals of more than 5000 arrivals

The overstayer rate is the number of non-citizens who overstayed their temporary visa (excluding bridging E visas) by more than 14 days within the financial year as a percentage of the total number of temporary entries for that year.

The overall overstayer rate in 2010-11 was approximately 0.4 per cent.

Table 2 provides the five countries with arrivals of more than 5000 visitors with the highest overstayer rate for the previous three financial years.

Overstayer Rates 2007- 08 to 2009-10 for Visitor Arrivals of More Than 5000					
2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
Citizenship	Overstayer rate	Citizenship	Overstayer rate	Citizenship	Overstayer rate
Greece	0.94	Tonga	4.82	Tonga	1.76
Philippines	0.89	Greece	1.01	Greece	0.99
Malaysia	0.78	Malaysia	0.86	Malaysia	0.66
Israel	0.63	Lebanon	0.62	Israel	0.57
Poland	0.29	Philippines	0.55	Philippines	0.37

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