



# Freedom of Information Reply

Latest date of information: 11 July 2019

## Information summary

1. The Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying) submitted reports for the top twenty countries/territories have been aggregated by both fund value and report volume, and rendered.
2. The information in these reports is self-declared and no data quality checks have been made to individual reports. Incorrectly reported high value reports can affect aggregate values.
3. It is not uncommon for reports to have errors, including errors in the currency and amounts reported. This can skew figures significantly. Figures should therefore be seen as indicative rather than a precise dollar value for cash amounts.
4. No intelligence related analysis has been undertaken.

## Background

1. This report is in reply to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 10 June 2019. The FOI request is outlined:
  - a. *“...seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act, specifically documents, or a computer generated table, showing the following detail from declarations made via the Cross-Border Movement - Physical Currency forms;*
  - b. *“The top 20 countries - in terms of total value of money declared - that currency is being imported from in the 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years, along with the number of declarations for each;*
  - c. *“The top 20 countries - in terms of total value of money - that currency is being taken to in the 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years, along with the number of declarations for each;*

## Current information

2. A total of ten tables have been prepared to support the FOI reply. The tables are divided into financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19) and fund flow direction (inwards and outward).

FINANCIAL YEAR: 2018-19 (up to 10 June 2019), FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

Country	Report Count	Amount (AUD)
CHINA	14388	345,402,934
SINGAPORE	1705	146,116,608
INDONESIA	1427	90,437,854
JAPAN	524	35,475,272
VIETNAM	664	32,889,715
HONG KONG	1098	32,474,510
MALAYSIA	1062	28,947,093
THAILAND	692	24,581,152
PHILIPPINES	412	24,220,772
IRAN	371	20,578,005
VANUATU	194	17,140,117
SOUTH KOREA	330	16,537,303
CAMBODIA	467	11,940,746
NEW ZEALAND	259	10,981,408
UAE	397	10,300,845
USA	397	9,671,109
PAKISTAN	536	9,442,268
BANGLADESH	247	8,402,990
SRI LANKA	437	7,689,706
LEBANON	181	6,674,629

Table 1 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2018-19, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2017-18, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

Country	Report Count	Amount (AUD)
CHINA	16658	402,762,145
SINGAPORE	1747	71,503,090
SOUTH KOREA	354	59,790,549
INDONESIA	1287	51,682,314
JAPAN	537	50,628,906
IRAN	544	44,491,156
HONG KONG	1085	43,031,831
THAILAND	702	34,670,218
MALAYSIA	1168	33,774,673
VANUATU	220	25,461,089
NEW ZEALAND	277	17,157,544
VIETNAM	650	12,803,820
UAE	386	12,126,123
PHILIPPINES	335	10,276,108
USA	369	9,954,739
PAKISTAN	516	9,229,034
CAMBODIA	372	8,785,689
INDIA	397	6,654,333
SRI LANKA	364	6,422,000
UK	267	6,312,779

Table 2 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2017-18, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2016-17, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical  
 Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
CHINA	14985	\$ 363,496,493.94
INDONESIA	1189	\$ 75,861,736.63
SINGAPORE	1578	\$ 60,476,187.15
JAPAN	594	\$ 39,007,742.08
THAILAND	626	\$ 36,306,389.93
MALAYSIA	1052	\$ 30,554,916.63
HONG KONG	1081	\$ 27,364,516.50
IRAN	411	\$ 22,044,221.36
NEW ZEALAND	342	\$ 21,027,297.17
USA	386	\$ 20,769,620.06
NEW CALEDONIA	37	\$ 14,480,441.72
VANUATU	167	\$ 14,029,679.14
UAE	384	\$ 9,513,643.30
VIETNAM	483	\$ 9,016,350.30
PAKISTAN	429	\$ 7,276,369.79
CAMBODIA	265	\$ 6,935,006.54
PHILIPPINES	317	\$ 6,872,688.28
UK	271	\$ 6,412,979.69
SOUTH AFRICA	195	\$ 6,014,146.76
SRI LANKA	347	\$ 5,996,741.39

Table 3 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2016-17, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2015-16, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical  
 Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
CHINA	13996	\$ 376,087,720.74
SINGAPORE	1794	\$ 57,206,271 .08
MALAYSIA	1053	\$ 33,633,232.24
NEW ZEALAND	326	\$ 30,71 4,745.49
INDONESIA	1095	\$ 30,1 61 ,570.39
HONG KONG	1146	\$ 29,041 ,625.82
JAPAN	503	\$ 28,444,542.26
THAILAND	597	\$ 21 ,81 9,436.20
VIETNAM	506	\$ 21 ,088,700.31
VANUATU	167	\$ 13,891 ,627.37
KUWAIT	26	\$ 11,724,758.15
CAMBODIA	220	\$ 1 0,556,948.00
PHILIPPINES	268	\$ 1 0,226,960.89
USA	375	\$ 9,627,643.32
UAE	344	\$ 8,684,089.72
UK	448	\$ 8,088,504.03
IRAN	405	\$ 7,801,012.16
SRI LANKA	383	\$ 6,81 0,063.99
PAKISTAN	356	\$ 6,085,496.33
LEBANON	213	\$ 5,797,340.96

Table 4 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2015-16, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014 -15, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical  
Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
CHINA	12060	\$ 298,795,296.13
SINGAPORE	1636	\$ 63,095,151.49
JAPAN	400	\$ 33,949,109.69
NAURU	244	\$ 32,566,874.41
HONG KONG	1011	\$ 29,319,598.96
MALAYSIA	992	\$ 28,859,188.11
THAILAND	562	\$ 28,287,869.80
NEW ZEALAND	311	\$ 20,021,734.83
INDONESIA	761	\$ 19,953,591.29
VANUATU	187	\$ 18,796,981.86
IRAN	417	\$ 8,191,426.97
UAE	317	\$ 7,714,912.03
KOREA	197	\$ 7,119,666.47
USA	273	\$ 6,812,690.77
VIETNAM	324	\$ 6,613,395.69
SOLOMON ISLANDS	37	\$ 5,380,929.93
UK	287	\$ 5,328,573.30
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	160	\$ 5,085,911.92
NEW CALEDONIA	34	\$ 5,045,796.19
INDIA	269	\$ 4,879,908.16

Table 5 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014-15, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2018-19 (up to 10 June 2019), FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Report Count</b>	<b>Amount (AUD)</b>
THAILAND	843	88,108,467
SINGAPORE	276	19,843,964
LEBANON	688	14,952,909
INDONESIA	216	10,002,982
SOUTH AFRICA	20	7,416,446
USA	150	7,354,189
MALAYSIA	190	7,028,807
CHINA	266	6,179,208
HONG KONG	161	5,674,314
UAE	99	4,846,043
JAPAN	80	4,370,163
PHILIPPINES	183	4,171,347
TURKEY	82	3,606,523
TOGO	12	3,068,711
VIETNAM	121	2,942,817
UK	65	2,815,087
NEW ZEALAND	70	2,648,777
CAMBODIA	75	2,590,400
MAURITIUS	11	2,584,895
NAURU	2	2,500,000

Table 6 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2018-19, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2017-18, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Report Count</b>	<b>Amount (AUD)</b>
THAILAND	956	148,369,329
SINGAPORE	346	53,976,768
HONG KONG	161	26,047,137
UAE	136	17,322,031
LEBANON	775	17,034,728
JAPAN	96	15,687,787
CHINA	367	11,175,713
INDONESIA	238	10,756,560
NAURU	4	10,019,150
MALAYSIA	187	8,129,648
USA	182	5,637,816
PHILIPPINES	252	5,557,246
NEW ZEALAND	93	5,072,228
UK	99	4,152,067
VIETNAM	126	2,907,471
SRI LANKA	103	2,737,309
NEW CALEDONIA	15	2,632,740
GREECE	88	2,171,201
INDIA	113	2,139,613
TAIWAN	51	2,016,992

Table 7 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2017-18, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2016-17, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
THAILAND	1078	\$ 1 55,407,060.53
VIETNAM	156	\$ 43,01 5,965.98
UAE	192	\$ 32,203,404.39
MALAYSIA	254	\$ 24,781 ,706.36
SINGAPORE	394	\$ 23,273,61 3.63
LEBANON	941	\$ 19,496,471.41
CHINA	463	\$ 14,841 ,775.30
INDONESIA	371	\$ 13,144,440.59
NEW ZEALAND	173	\$ 12,557,871 .27
HONG KONG	228	\$ 9,105,677.10
USA	332	\$ 8,608,91 7.52
JAPAN	157	\$ 8,372,1 66.45
PHILIPPINES	286	\$ 5,91 6,241 .62
NAURU	3	\$ 5,034,848.06
GREECE	126	\$ 3,829,780.45
SRI LANKA	152	\$ 3,729,267.25
INDIA	217	\$ 3,706,902.23
IRAN	169	\$ 3,706,876.65
UK	153	\$ 3,177,201 .63
TURKEY	93	\$ 2,292,954.07

Table 8- FINANCIAL YEAR: 2016-17, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2015-16, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical  
 Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
UAE	155	\$ 224,284,354.80
THAILAND	1325	\$ 1 1 1 , 1 01 , 656.56
SINGAPORE	540	\$ 34,078,951 .24
CHINA	715	\$ 34,01 3,023.83
NAURU	17	\$ 17,838,501 .72
LEBANON	940	\$ 17,836,861.12
USA	462	\$ 1 5,577,085.40
NEW ZEALAND	254	\$ 14,974,928.61
INDONESIA	464	\$ 1 4,083,428.56
HONG KONG	388	\$ 13,761,838.71
MALAYSIA	374	\$ 13,584,81 2.11
PHILIPPINES	360	\$ 7,435,553.1 4
JAPAN	193	\$ 6,682,790.53
INDIA	410	\$ 6,248,964.40
IRAN	254	\$ 5,968,452.1 2
SERBIA	139	\$ 4,865,532.92
MACAU	44	\$ 4,51 4,824.40
VIETNAM	215	\$ 4,461 ,055.60
UK	241	\$ 4,303,645.83
GREECE	195	\$ 4,004,893.60

Table9- FINANCIAL YEAR: 2015-16, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014-15, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
THAILAND	1306	\$ 52,467,893.26
NEW CALEDONIA	15	\$ 31,554,603.17
GERMANY	70	\$ 29,542,704.01
CHINA	915	\$ 27,606,326.12
NEW ZEALAND	292	\$ 26,752,205.18
SINGAPORE	547	\$ 23,154,069.27
NAURU	19	\$ 21,645,211.05
HONG KONG	436	\$ 18,765,245.48
MALAYSIA	474	\$ 17,160,067.71
INDONESIA	564	\$ 16,314,277.51
LEBANON	698	\$ 14,234,527.57
USA	460	\$ 10,535,414.77
PHILIPPINES	505	\$ 10,388,909.08
INDIA	594	\$ 9,763,813.24
JAPAN	200	\$ 8,810,055.40
VIETNAM	255	\$ 5,303,853.09
IRAN	244	\$ 4,947,230.77
UK	238	\$ 4,871,474.47
TAIWAN	113	\$ 4,705,875.45
EGYPT	169	\$ 3,824,462.74

Table 10- FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014-15, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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## AUSTRAC comment

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