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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. 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 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 May 2018. 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 and 2016/17 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 and 2016/17 financial years, along with the number of declarations for each;*

Current information

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

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

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	\$ 30,714,745.49
INDONESIA	1095	\$ 30,161,570.39
HONG KONG	1146	\$ 29,041,625.82
JAPAN	503	\$ 28,444,542.26
THAILAND	597	\$ 21,819,436.20
VIETNAM	506	\$ 21,088,700.31
VANUATU	167	\$ 13,891,627.37

KUWAIT	26	\$ 11,724,758.15
CAMBODIA	220	\$ 10,556,948.00
PHILIPPINES	268	\$ 10,226,960.89
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	\$ 6,810,063.99
PAKISTAN	356	\$ 6,085,496.33
LEBANON	213	\$ 5,797,340.96

Table 2 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2015-16, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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
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Table 3 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014-15, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
THAILAND	1078	\$ 155,407,060.53
VIETNAM	156	\$ 43,015,965.98
UAE	192	\$ 32,203,404.39
MALAYSIA	254	\$ 24,781,706.36
SINGAPORE	394	\$ 23,273,613.63
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	\$ 8,608,917.52
JAPAN	157	\$ 8,372,166.45
PHILIPPINES	286	\$ 5,916,241.62
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 4 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2016-17, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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	\$ 111,101,656.56
SINGAPORE	540	\$ 34,078,951.24

CHINA	715	\$ 34,013,023.83
NAURU	17	\$ 17,838,501.72
LEBANON	940	\$ 17,836,861.12
USA	462	\$ 15,577,085.40
NEW ZEALAND	254	\$ 14,974,928.61
INDONESIA	464	\$ 14,083,428.56
HONG KONG	388	\$ 13,761,838.71
MALAYSIA	374	\$ 13,584,812.11
PHILIPPINES	360	\$ 7,435,553.14
JAPAN	193	\$ 6,682,790.53
INDIA	410	\$ 6,248,964.40
IRAN	254	\$ 5,968,452.12
SERBIA	139	\$ 4,865,532.92
MACAU	44	\$ 4,514,824.40
VIETNAM	215	\$ 4,461,055.60
UK	241	\$ 4,303,645.83
GREECE	195	\$ 4,004,893.60

Table 5 - FINANCIAL YEAR: 2015-16, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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

AUSTRAC comment

3. This is a summarised intelligence product, no interpretation of the financial intelligence data has been undertaken. AUSTRAC operates under a legislative framework that places an obligation on entities to report complete and accurate data to AUSTRAC. However AUSTRAC cannot provide assurance that all data collected is complete and accurate.

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