



## Information Report

# Cross Border Movement forms – Physical Currency (carrying) 2010 to 2019 overview

Latest date of information: **01 July 2020**

### 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. Cross Border Movements are required to be completed accurately by the traveller and AUSTRAC will transcribe information as provided. No data quality checks have been made to individual reports and any errors whether accidental or intentional are those of the submitting individual. Incorrectly reported high values 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 15 June 2020. 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) A computer generated table for the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 calendar years, showing the top 20 countries that funds were taken to, as disclosed by Cross-Border Movement-Physical Currency forms;
  - c) A computer generated table for the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 calendar years, showing the top 20 countries that funds were brought from, as disclosed by Cross-Border Movement-Physical Currency forms;

Current information

2. A total of 20 tables have been prepared to support the FOI reply.
3. The 20 tables are listed from most recent to oldest in calendar years and are divided into fund flow direction (inwards and outwards).
4. Each of the 20 tables are titled accordingly below the table.

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	1,487	2,020,777,617
CHINA	16,052	381,939,494
UAE	540	320,250,598
NEW ZEALAND	664	284,424,089
SINGAPORE	1,909	218,050,336
JAPAN	645	99,090,165
INDONESIA	1,801	67,649,297
USA	547	58,518,542
VIETNAM	897	47,227,614
THAILAND	989	43,659,173
MALAYSIA	1,185	32,296,057
PHILIPPINES	567	29,479,005
UK	375	21,053,560
SOUTH KOREA	375	16,946,404
CAMBODIA	567	15,473,453
PAKISTAN	620	11,100,153
IRAN	429	9,261,011
SRI LANKA	499	8,839,130
INDIA	487	8,037,153
BANGLADESH	318	6,632,933

**Table 1** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2019, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	339	4,007,886,288
NEW ZEALAND	609	593,031,265
UAE	143	113,639,949
IRELAND	74	99,591,862
THAILAND	930	90,234,750
UK	121	68,614,286

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NEW CALEDONIA	65	64,954,165
FRENCH POLYNESIA	56	51,391,800
SINGAPORE	319	35,556,769
USA	178	17,421,294
LEBANON	643	14,243,305
INDONESIA	223	10,367,179
SOLOMON ISLANDS	40	10,293,233
PNG	34	8,744,009
MALAYSIA	190	8,042,304
SOUTH AFRICA	19	7,604,127
CHINA	274	7,036,394
PHILIPPINES	234	5,935,953
JAPAN	109	5,893,685
FIJI	16	4,071,422

**Table 2-** CALENDER YEAR: 2019, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	1,504	2,303,204,937
UAE	592	564,526,211
CHINA	17,876	421,257,896
SINGAPORE	2,066	382,878,299
NEW ZEALAND	624	340,099,801
UK	339	126,046,573
FIJI	299	124,675,307
INDONESIA	1,552	62,891,225
SOUTH KOREA	428	60,864,981
JAPAN	581	58,484,521
IRAN	571	58,451,321
MALAYSIA	1,369	40,654,584
THAILAND	855	37,991,363
VIETNAM	758	12,651,545
PHILIPPINES	446	12,178,787
USA	454	11,678,059
PAKISTAN	617	11,402,818
CAMBODIA	454	11,043,706
SRI LANKA	460	8,391,546

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INDIA	486	7,884,555
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**Table 3** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2018, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	411	4,791,678,866
NEW ZEALAND	600	537,829,178
THAILAND	985	128,815,664
UK	150	116,537,219
UAE	178	78,137,596
NEW CALEDONIA	79	65,595,993
SINGAPORE	371	56,149,291
FRENCH POLYNESIA	62	50,205,898
IRELAND	32	47,006,525
LEBANON	768	17,222,559
CHINA	367	16,051,628
JAPAN	107	13,243,606
INDONESIA	269	12,223,451
PNG	26	11,698,333
MALAYSIA	206	8,528,202
NAURU	4	8,019,150
SOLOMON ISLANDS	2	7,586,114
USA	182	6,786,992
PHILIPPINES	259	5,817,263
VIETNAM	140	2,967,262

**Table 4** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2018, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	1,456	2,192,486,846
UAE	428	705,973,230
NEW ZEALAND	650	440,104,068
SINGAPORE	1,710	403,092,253
CHINA	15,697	392,840,517
UK	295	272,220,569
INDONESIA	1,204	51,983,043
JAPAN	554	48,088,063

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THAILAND	642	40,695,360
VANUATU	231	33,132,507
VIETNAM	536	31,173,156
MALAYSIA	1,042	29,037,631
IRAN	460	26,885,700
USA	358	19,905,277
SOUTH KOREA	263	7,648,638
PHILIPPINES	312	7,640,927
PAKISTAN	444	7,524,195
CAMBODIA	279	6,717,842
SRI LANKA	362	6,213,207
INDIA	248	4,014,116

**Table 5** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2017, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	398	2,613,686,299
NEW ZEALAND	570	597,985,381
UK	218	264,432,057
THAILAND	953	158,456,271
VIETNAM	147	72,299,195
NEW CALEDONIA	8	55,802,216
UAE	241	54,528,716
FRENCH POLYNESIA	51	44,948,546
SINGAPORE	338	39,818,707
CHINA	396	20,248,524
LEBANON	772	16,806,902
PNG	30	15,047,317
KIRIBATI	2	15,000,000
JAPAN	138	13,801,996
INDONESIA	287	9,279,401
FIJI	24	8,950,974
SOLOMON ISLANDS	29	8,850,028
USA	256	7,539,749
MALAYSIA	198	6,764,276
NAURU	3	6,034,848

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**Table 6** - CALENDER YEAR: 2017, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	2,084	2,155,016,344
SINGAPORE	1,916	638,963,893
NEW ZEALAND	1,206	470,923,317
CHINA	13,741	356,556,707
UK	509	245,479,743
UAE	432	178,737,323
FIJI	575	141,942,727
INDONESIA	1,166	57,752,744
JAPAN	588	44,886,586
MALAYSIA	1,080	35,978,596
THAILAND	667	25,772,033
VIETNAM	513	21,522,598
CAMBODIA	265	12,092,675
USA	412	11,759,375
IRAN	387	7,589,898
SRI LANKA	381	6,627,013
PAKISTAN	398	6,546,916
PHILIPPINES	308	6,008,670
INDIA	309	5,337,490
EGYPT	265	5,141,743

**Table 7** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2016, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	730	2,359,290,121
NEW ZEALAND	758	622,386,661
UAE	194	249,107,750
UK	335	155,367,530
THAILAND	1,153	141,818,460
VIETNAM	174	60,296,454
NEW CALEDONIA	97	50,774,089
SINGAPORE	426	36,877,500
FRENCH POLYNESIA	76	36,540,214

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CHINA	539	30,543,309
PNG	98	30,147,750
MALAYSIA	310	28,611,950
LEBANON	941	18,301,437
INDONESIA	388	13,092,359
JAPAN	204	11,958,060
SOLOMON ISLANDS	68	11,292,921
NAURU	7	10,535,502
USA	368	10,123,151
PHILIPPINES	272	5,676,639
FIJI	24	5,671,913

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

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	2,583	1,833,820,712
NEW ZEALAND	2,134	623,626,181
SINGAPORE	2,081	489,496,542
CHINA	14,520	385,407,852
UK	634	181,034,968
FIJI	1,099	144,569,950
MALAYSIA	1,163	60,829,611
UAE	409	57,048,057
INDONESIA	1,047	31,625,945
THAILAND	721	31,342,156
JAPAN	448	26,065,454
PHILIPPINES	323	11,437,596
USA	365	10,409,231
IRAN	483	9,342,361
VIETNAM	417	8,350,600
SOUTH KOREA	320	7,398,090
SRI LANKA	375	6,923,462
INDIA	377	6,650,520
EGYPT	318	6,303,537
PAKISTAN	326	5,866,628

**Table 7** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2015, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	1,104	2,793,068,557
NEW ZEALAND	1,301	566,710,018
UK	500	173,879,003
VIETNAM	320	156,893,410
NEW CALEDONIA	90	84,064,614
THAILAND	1,436	71,696,335
SINGAPORE	597	40,095,469
FRENCH POLYNESIA	94	35,996,415
CHINA	933	27,933,429
PNG	101	25,397,639
MALAYSIA	467	19,820,180
LEBANON	946	18,420,523
INDONESIA	573	17,739,546
USA	569	17,504,732
NAURU	17	17,377,211
JAPAN	198	14,092,408
SOLOMON ISLANDS	91	13,136,208
PHILIPPINES	539	11,421,079
FIJI	46	10,329,978
INDIA	617	10,224,663

**Table 8** - CALENDER YEAR: 2015, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
JAPAN	432	2,892,584,648
HONG KONG	2,367	1,988,167,687
SINGAPORE	1,775	619,914,449
NEW ZEALAND	1,564	415,910,780
UK	565	391,334,756
CHINA	10,731	262,703,374
FIJI	917	123,014,787
UAE	337	81,013,360
MALAYSIA	1,000	61,725,643
INDONESIA	796	52,857,904
VANUATU	277	34,898,539
NAURU	253	34,319,214
THAILAND	552	21,408,363



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VIETNAM	273	8,852,929
USA	284	8,693,621
IRAN	421	8,259,558
SOUTH KOREA	223	8,165,486
INDIA	294	4,715,278
PHILIPPINES	245	4,631,128
EGYPT	219	4,332,050

**Table 9** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2014, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	922	1,832,052,861
NEW ZEALAND	1,221	535,396,508
UK	366	132,844,625
VIETNAM	256	102,000,129
NAURU	25	61,404,000
NEW CALEDONIA	117	52,771,964
THAILAND	1,186	43,258,645
FRENCH POLYNESIA	99	38,847,439
GERMANY	70	29,175,433
SINGAPORE	540	25,857,944
USA	355	22,266,754
CHINA	750	22,224,239
MALAYSIA	440	19,747,381
PNG	92	16,884,773
INDONESIA	557	15,244,875
JAPAN	201	12,823,364
CANADA	53	10,264,611
KIRIBATI	3	9,500,000
LEBANON	451	8,944,732
PHILIPPINES	418	8,221,468

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

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	1,191	1,408,764,037
SINGAPORE	1,609	287,195,585

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CHINA	9,624	273,559,054
NEW ZEALAND	433	229,820,304
UAE	292	53,524,929
JAPAN	459	39,796,982
MALAYSIA	954	39,528,724
UK	240	35,434,125
EGYPT	258	32,836,099
THAILAND	563	30,105,490
VANUATU	232	24,475,065
INDONESIA	914	23,940,115
VIETNAM	253	14,093,771
IRAN	617	12,639,705
USA	265	7,212,899
INDIA	258	5,396,913
PHILIPPINES	214	4,213,745
SOUTH AFRICA	172	1,094,039
SOUTH KOREA	168	3,872,533
PAKISTAN	169	3,158,913

Table 11 - CALENDAR YEAR: 2013, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	595	1,110,514,441
NEW ZEALAND	390	281,263,045
THAILAND	1,101	43,829,662
SINGAPORE	534	26,813,860
MALAYSIA	368	17,552,806
UK	228	17,498,850
CHINA	676	17,069,855
NAURU	12	16,279,625
INDONESIA	541	15,804,953
MYANMAR	83	15,464,146
FRENCH POLYNESIA	20	13,388,668
USA	428	12,433,011
NEW CALEDONIA	24	11,231,110
UAE	137	10,930,789
JAPAN	208	10,519,164
PHILIPPINES	442	9,263,392

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INDIA	534	8,733,548
LEBANON	293	6,096,253
KIRIBATI	4	5,520,000
VIETNAM	220	4,379,088

**Table 12** - CALENDER YEAR: 2013, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
JAPAN	594	2,502,338,240
HONG KONG	1,215	1,629,985,574
NEW ZEALAND	412	260,161,315
CHINA	7,655	209,862,123
SINGAPORE	1,337	115,543,982
UAE	314	77,934,596
MALAYSIA	895	27,986,848
INDONESIA	888	23,421,178
VANUATU	217	23,329,771
THAILAND	419	20,952,288
IRAN	753	17,378,966
USA	246	10,758,453
EGYPT	227	9,930,419
UK	237	9,483,529
SOUTH AFRICA	237	6,337,501
SOUTH KOREA	173	6,123,612
INDIA	182	3,596,460
VIETNAM	199	3,038,585
PAKISTAN	155	3,034,347
PHILIPPINES	145	2,728,617

**Table 13** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2012, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	596	780,158,152
NEW ZEALAND	423	309,408,898
SINGAPORE	535	288,374,835
THAILAND	896	49,991,331
UAE	124	43,735,631

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CHINA	718	20,830,623
MALAYSIA	441	16,371,267
INDONESIA	421	13,608,124
NAURU	12	13,130,000
NEW CALEDONIA	27	12,867,844
FRENCH POLYNESIA	23	11,742,411
USA	410	10,797,950
INDIA	605	9,926,739
JAPAN	185	9,325,124
PHILIPPINES	353	6,441,651
KIRIBATI	3	6,040,000
LEBANON	270	5,669,412
VIETNAM	246	4,960,962
UK	206	4,433,083
SAUDI ARABIA	61	3,652,583

**Table 14** - CALENDER YEAR: 2012, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNTRY	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	823	475,358,053
CHINA	7,765	221,419,731
NEW ZEALAND	264	125,791,738
SINGAPORE	1,289	105,713,751
JAPAN	494	35,642,324
UAE	250	34,604,008
MALAYSIA	829	21,103,879
INDONESIA	805	19,240,346
VANUATU	170	16,788,051
THAILAND	424	15,786,919
VIETNAM	261	14,714,301
IRAN	637	13,453,055
SOUTH KOREA	200	12,207,416
USA	254	7,066,098
SOUTH AFRICA	228	6,560,394
EGYPT	163	5,060,248
UK	185	4,399,552
INDIA	182	3,536,151
PHILIPPINES	146	2,843,370

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PAKISTAN	126	2,339,514
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**Table 15** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2011, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	409	179,108,143
NEW ZEALAND	271	115,262,424
THAILAND	695	21,237,745
SINGAPORE	490	18,353,567
CHINA	655	18,035,524
MALAYSIA	357	16,411,244
UAE	118	15,752,117
JAPAN	164	14,073,053
USA	422	10,601,301
NAURU	13	10,146,870
PNG	47	9,859,176
INDONESIA	354	9,712,533
NEW CALEDONIA	31	8,550,892
UK	205	8,002,526
INDIA	521	7,811,941
LEBANON	276	5,475,489
PHILIPPINES	239	4,617,717
FRENCH POLYNESIA	6	4,571,738
VIETNAM	262	4,507,973
IRAN	118	2,868,030

**Table 16** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2011, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	964	265,953,634
CHINA	10,733	236,308,529
NEW ZEALAND	265	73,927,908
SINGAPORE	1,285	40,809,182
JAPAN	477	31,283,590
INDONESIA	987	26,442,448
MALAYSIA	924	26,373,562
VANUATU	162	16,482,371

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THAILAND	477	15,191,493
SOUTH AFRICA	330	11,020,354
IRAN	490	10,902,870
SOUTH KOREA	313	10,891,282
USA	274	8,282,256
VIETNAM	432	6,693,282
UAE	257	6,067,202
UK	256	5,554,893
EGYPT	148	4,852,507
INDIA	247	4,671,977
LEBANON	189	4,218,420
PHILIPPINES	172	2,777,889

**Table 17** - CALENDAR YEAR: 2010, FLOW: Inward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

COUNTRY	REPORT COUNT	AMOUNT (AUD)
HONG KONG	382	174,004,019
NEW ZEALAND	239	71,683,972
CHINA	768	21,873,977
MALAYSIA	337	19,020,306
SINGAPORE	475	16,911,630
THAILAND	577	16,727,753
INDONESIA	410	10,516,969
JAPAN	213	10,481,611
USA	387	10,120,242
NAURU	12	8,645,500
INDIA	440	6,643,758
LEBANON	311	6,015,936
PHILIPPINES	315	6,002,232
UK	199	5,637,567
NEW CALEDONIA	31	5,318,895
VIETNAM	223	4,342,785
SERBIA	85	3,987,429
EGYPT	115	2,382,042
IRAN	109	2,232,968
ARGENTINA	45	2,199,538

**Table 18** - CALENDER YEAR: 2010, FLOW: Outward, REPORT: Cross Border Movement – Physical Currency (Carrying)

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