trickle /ˈtrɪkəl / noun

a movement of people, vehicles, goods etc into a place in very small numbers or amounts

***Emerson, Pyne join Lateline:***

**There was a trickle from 2001 to 2008 and then when the current Government lifted the Howard Government laws around border protection, there's a spike such to the case that in the first six months of this year alone there've been 5,000 arrivals**