

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry : 5 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(CP/001) – Parliamentary Inquiry - Complementary Protection numbers

Asked:

ACTING CHAIR (Senator Gallacher): The first point I want to seek some clarity on is that the Parliamentary Library's Bills Digest has indicated that the level of successful complementary protection claimants is not currently publicly known. Is that a normal state of affairs?

Mr Wilden: That may be the case. We obviously grant a broad number of visas and have systems that are built to enable the recording of that. One of the challenges with the bill that we did a number of years ago is that it is a little harder to interrogate to get that data out. I know that we were asked if we could provide the number of people on complementary protection. Since 24 March 2012, when the complementary protection act came into effect, there have been in total 15,643 protection visas granted. Of that, we believe—and I will confirm this once we can run the data and wash it properly—that probably less than 200 are under the provision of complementary protection, so it is a very small number.

ACTING CHAIR: The law society's comment was that it was like 'using a hammer to crack a lentil.' I was not familiar with that metaphor. The period when we are talking about 200 is between—

Mr Wilden: March 2012 to current. But, as I said, I wish to take it formally on notice to give you an accurate figure, hopefully, by next week.

Answer:

There have been a total of 216 visas granted to persons who have been found to meet the criteria for a protection visa on complementary protection grounds (as at 9 February 2016).

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(CP/002) – Parliamentary Inquiry - Complementary Protection decisions/appeals

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Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I think you have taken on notice the issue around exactly how many of these decisions have been handed down exactly. I would also like to know how many of them have been appealed; how many have been lodged; and how many have been unsuccessful. I imagine, if you are crunching those numbers you are going to be able to spit them out?

Mr Wilden: Yes, that is fine.

Answer:

Since 24 March 2012, of the 24,355 persons found not to meet the criteria for the grant of a visa on complementary protection grounds (all primary refusals), 21,501 sought review of that primary decision.

199 persons have been found to meet or indicatively meet the criteria for a protection visa on complementary protection grounds at merits review. 9152 have not been found to meet the criteria for a protection visa on complementary protection grounds (by virtue of an affirmed decision) at merits review.