

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.3: Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services

OSE23-051 - Onshore Protection Applications - Airplane Arrivals since 2013

Senator Helen Polley asked:

Senator POLLEY: These are pretty short, sharp questions. Hopefully we'll have the information before us. Between 7 September 2013 and 21 May 2022, how many people arrived by aeroplane and made an onshore claim for protection?

Ms Foster: I might ask the officer who manages our onshore protection visa area to come to the table.

Mr Kiley: I have data going back to the 2018-19 financial year.

Senator POLLEY: You can't go back to 2013?

Mr Kiley: I don't have those figures on me. I can take that on notice. I can go back to 2018.

Senator POLLEY: I have a series of questions. Is this something that we can come back to? Are you going to have that information? I also want to know how many people were found to be owed protection between these dates and how many people who arrived by aeroplane and made an onshore claim for protection had their claim refused and removed from Australia between those dates. I've got a series of questions, but they go back to 2013. Would it be prudent to come back?

Mr Kiley: I can see what I can do, but I'm not sure if I'll be able to get all of that data in the time frame.

Answer:

Between 7 September 2013 and 21 May 2022, 143,749 people arrived by airplane and made an application for a permanent Protection visa in Australia.

Between 7 September 2013 and 21 May 2022, 15,925 people arrived by airplane and were granted permanent Protection visas.

Refer to OSE23-052 for information on those who arrive by airplane and made a permanent Protection visa application, and had their application refused.