

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/091) - Humanitarian Program - Programme 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Administered)

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 129) asked:

Senator BILYK: Didn't it used to be 20,000?

Mr Fleming: There was a period where it had been increased to 20,000.

Senator BILYK: So there has been an overall drop from 20,000?

Mr Fleming: I would have to—

Senator REYNOLDS: That was about a decade ago, though.

Senator BILYK: I do not think so.

Mr Fleming: That is my understanding. We obviously have on notice the numbers—

CHAIR: It was announced two weeks before the election, or something, and never implemented.

Mr Fleming: We have on notice the numbers delivered for the last seven years—I think that is what you said, Senator Reynolds—

Answer:

The number of visas granted in the Humanitarian Programme over the last seven years is as follows:

Programme Year	Visas granted in Humanitarian Programme ^{1 2}
2014-15 ³ (at 23 February 2015)	8 708
2013-14	13 768
2012-13	19 985
2011-12	13 750
2010-11	13 780
2009-10	13 720
2008-09	13 375

Data for period 2008-09 to 2013-14 extracted from DIBP systems on 6 July 2014

Data for 2014-15 extracted from DIBP systems on 10 March 2015

On 23 December 2014, a disallowable instrument made under s39A of the *Migration Act 1958* came into effect. The instrument sets out the minimum number of

¹ Includes visas granted in both the offshore and onshore components.

² All figures are fully revised at the end of each Programme year and may differ from those previously published.

³ The planning level for 2014-15 is 13 750 places.

places in the Humanitarian Programme for each of the four financial years from 2015-16 to 2018-19. These are:

Programme (Financial) Year	Minimum number of places ⁴
2015-16	13 750
2016-17	13 750
2017-18	16 250
2018-19	18 750

⁴ Includes both offshore and onshore components. The majority of places will be for the offshore component.