

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/154) - UNHCR referrals - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

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1. How many people in the offshore component of Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian Program in the last five years were referred by the UNHCR?
2. Please provide a breakdown by visa class and country of origin.

Answer:

The following tables provide a breakdown of Offshore Humanitarian visa grants to persons referred by UNHCR, by Country of Birth from 2012–13 to 2016–17 (to 22 May 2017).

2012–13	
Country of Birth	Grants
Iraq	2,716
Myanmar	2,148
Afghanistan	2,055
Bhutan	1,010
Democratic Republic of the Congo	466
Iran	458
Somalia	372
Sudan	228
Ethiopia	143
Eritrea	136
Other	278
Total	10,010

2013-14	
Country of Birth	Grants
Afghanistan	1,656
Myanmar	1,338
Iraq	546
Bhutan	506
Iran	361
Democratic Republic of the Congo	240
Syria	184
Eritrea	168
Somalia	164
Ethiopia	117
Other	221
Total	5,501

2014-15	
Country of Birth	Grants
Afghanistan	1,239
Myanmar	988
Iraq	618
Democratic Republic of the Congo	306
Iran	297
Syria	289
Somalia	246
Eritrea	235
Bhutan	183
Ethiopia	149
Other	144
Total	4,694

2015–16	
Country of Birth	Grants
Syria	1,068
Myanmar	964
Afghanistan	896
Iraq	761
Democratic Republic of the Congo	546
Somalia	381
Iran	243
Ethiopia	202
Eritrea	138
Bhutan	136
Other	174
Total	5,509

2016–17 (to 22 May 2017)	
Country of Birth	Grants
Myanmar	1,017
Afghanistan	881
Iraq	609
Syria	602
Bhutan	401
Ethiopia	211
Democratic Republic of the Congo	210
Somalia	126
Iran	93
Eritrea	83
Other	262
Total	4,495

Notes:

1. The 2015–16 and 2016–17 statistics in this table includes visas granted towards the annual offshore resettlement component of the Humanitarian Programme and the additional 12,000 places for people displaced by conflict in Syria and Iraq