QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/057) PROGRAMME -

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many visas have been issued on the grounds of complementary protection for the following periods:

- a. Since the last estimates period?
- b. In the last financial year 2013-14?
- c. Of these, what were the countries of origin?
- d. Can you please explain any discrepancies since the previous estimates period, and compared with this time last year?

Answer:

The RRT does not issue visas but remits the case to the department on the basis of meeting the complementary protection (CP) definition. It is for the department to assess any remaining criteria and issue visas.

- a. 20 cases remitted on the basis of CP
- b. 48 cases remitted on the basis of CP
- c. 2013-2014: cases remitted on the basis of CP involved 20 countries. The top 10 countries being Sri Lanka (8 cases), Pakistan (6), Afghanistan (4), Lebanon (4), China (3), Colombia (3), Malaysia (3), India (3), Indonesia (2) and Nepal (2).
- d. The MRT- RRT is unaware of any discrepancies for these periods.