

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/402) PROGRAMME – 2.1: and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- a. How many onshore protection visas have been lodged since May 2014?
- b. How many onshore protection visas have been granted since May 2014?
- c. Of those lodged, can you please provide the background to the application?
- d. Of those granted, can you please provide the background to the application being granted.

Answer:

a & b. Between 1 May 2014 and 28 November 2014, the department received 4542 valid Protection visa applications and 1557 Protection visas were granted.

c & d. Providing background to each application and grant would involve analysis of records relating to thousands of individuals and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.