

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(68) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay**

Senator Ludwig asked:

In response to a question during Additional Estimates hearing 12 February 2007 the Department indicated that there were around 1300 people currently holding TPVs in Australia.

30 October 2006, Senate Estimate the Department indicated there were around 600 TPVs in Australia:

**Senator LUDWIG**—I have a couple of questions on the number of current TPVs that are here.

**Mr Metcalfe**—Mr Illingworth will be able to assist. The question is simply about the number of persons holding temporary protection visas currently in Australia?

**Senator LUDWIG**—Yes.

**Mr Illingworth**—It is in the order of 600.

Can the Department explain the dramatic increase or whether these are different calculations of the same visa? If the figures are based on different analysis can the Department explain the origin of the figures and provide the number of people currently lawfully in Australia on a Temporary Protection Visa, and the number of people on a Temporary Protection Visa as at 30 October 2006?

*Answer:*

The difference in figures relate to different interpretations of the question. The response of 30 October 2006 was focussed on the total caseload of further protection visa applications on hand. At 29 September 2006, it was 616.

The 12 February 2007 response related to people awaiting a decision on a further protection visa application (660) and 650 people on a temporary protection visa (TPV) or temporary humanitarian visa (THV) who had not yet lodged an application for a further protection visa.

The following table sets out data relating to the estimated number of holders of either a TPV or a THV as at 29 September 2006, 5 January 2007 and 2 March 2007.

Estimated number of TPV and THV holders			
Date	TPV	THV	Total
29 September 2006	871	497	1368
5 January 2007	899	486	1385
2 March 2007	890	447	1337