

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(12) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 44) asked:

Under the Refugee and Humanitarian program, how many have arrived so far this financial year?

Outline the country of birth of entrants through the program for 2007–08 and the total so far in 2008–09?

The annual report refers to offshore visa grants by the top 10 countries of birth for 2006–07. Would you provide an update for those?

Answer.

In the period 1 July 2008 – 28 February 2009, 7300 persons have arrived in Australia under the Humanitarian Program.

The tables below show the main country of birth of humanitarian entrants in the 2007–08 program year and for the period 1 July 2008 – 28 February 2009. Children born of humanitarian applicants in countries of asylum (e.g. Thailand and Kenya) are recorded against those countries.

2007–08	
Burma	1921
Iraq	1666
Afghanistan	949
Sudan	813
Thailand	654
Congo, DRC	467
Iran	423
Sierra Leone	251
Tanzania	245
Liberia	236
Burundi	218
Sri Lanka	207
Kenya	157
Ethiopia	131
Togo	100
Uganda	95
Ivory Coast	75
Guinea	70
* Other countries (51)	883

2008–09 (1/7/2008–28/02/2009)	
Iraq	2242
Burma	1151
Afghanistan	604
Bhutan	405
Sudan	394
Thailand	372
Iran	206
Ethiopia	180
Liberia	173
Sierra Leone	160
Sri Lanka	131
Nepal	121
Burundi	119
Kenya	116
Tanzania	109
Congo, DRC	95
Somalia	92
* Other countries (41)	630

Source: Settlement Database

* Other countries for which less than 70 entrants recorded.

In 2007–08, the top 10 countries of birth for Humanitarian Program grants were; Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Liberia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Iran, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka.

2007-08		
1	Burma/Myanmar	2961
2	Iraq	2215
3	Afghanistan	1185
4	Sudan	1158
5	Liberia	410
6	Congo, DRC	348
7	Burundi	303
8	Iran	302
9	Sierra Leone	267
10	Sri Lanka	243