

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (112) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many grants were made for off shore applications for 'protection visas' under our refugee and humanitarian programme in 2010–11 and by post and nationality group?

*Answer:*

Protection visas are granted to people seeking protection in Australia. Applicants outside Australia may apply for a Refugee and Humanitarian visa under Australia's Humanitarian Program through either the Refugee or Special Humanitarian categories. This includes Refugee (subclass 200), In-Country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian (subclass 202), Emergency Rescue (subclass 203), and Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visas.

To 28 February 2011 there have been 5582 visas granted within the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program in 2010–11.

The following table shows visa grants under the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program by post for the 2010–11 Humanitarian Program to 28 February 2011:

Post	Grants	Post	Grants
Amman	1021	Tehran	80
Nairobi	867	Beijing	76
New Delhi	833	Dhaka	16
Bangkok	608	Belgrade	8
Jakarta	473	Berlin	7
Ankara	367	Moscow	5
Dubai	345	Washington	4
Pretoria	269	Hanoi	3
Kuala Lumpur	193	Islamabad	3
Cairo	179	Port Moresby	1
Beirut	113	Ho Chi Minh City	1
Colombo	110	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5582</b>

The following table shows visa grants under the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program by Country of Birth:

Country of Birth	Grants	Country of Birth	Grants
Iraq	1511	Malaysia	8
Burma	769	Tanzania	7
Bhutan	694	Indonesia	7
Afghanistan	532	Egypt	6
Congo (DRC)	330	Kenya	6
Ethiopia	283	Uganda	6
Sri Lanka	194	Chad	5
Iran	174	Uzbekistan	5
Sudan	130	India	4
Laos	108	Vietnam	4
Togo	76	United Arab Emirates	3
Eritrea	75	Turkey	3
Congo (ROC)	75	El Salvador	3
Somalia	71	Guinea	2
China (PRC)	71	United Kingdom	2
Sierra Leone	63	Algeria	2
Rwanda	61	Mongolia	2
Burundi	56	Palestinian Authority (so stated)	1
Liberia	46	Cote D'Ivoire	1
Thailand	38	Syria	1
Pakistan	37	Angola	1
Other	30	South Africa	1
Kuwait	24	Colombia	1
Cameroon	24	Burkina Faso	1
Zimbabwe	14	Romania	1
Nigeria	12	Zambia	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5582</b>