QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(117) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What is the acceptance rate of asylum seekers, by nationality, at the primary decision state? What is the acceptance rate after appeal?

Answer.

Non-IMA outcomes

The primary and final grant rates for 2009-10 and 2010-11 for Protection visa applications received from non-irregular maritime (non-IMA) arrivals are shown in the following tables. Note that the primary and final figures relate to the number of decisions made during the period and do not necessarily relate to the same group of people.

Primary and final grant rates by decisions of top 10 countries of citizenship in 2009-10

| Primary decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | | Grant | |
| | | | | rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| China | | | | | |
| (PRC) | 1150 | 229 | 921 | 19.9 | |
| Fiji | 418 | 14 | 404 | 3.3 | |
| Zimbabwe | 303 | 225 | 78 | 74.3 | |
| Pakistan | 255 | 183 | 72 | 71.8 | |
| Sri Lanka | 243 | 165 | 78 | 67.9 | |
| Malaysia | 240 | 3 | 237 | 1.3 | |
| Iran | 227 | 200 | 27 | 88.1 | |
| India | 203 | 14 | 189 | 6.9 | |
| Iraq | 191 | 174 | 17 | 91.1 | |
| Indonesia | 182 | 22 | 160 | 12.1 | |
| Other | 1340 | 481 | 859 | 35.9 | |
| Total | 4752 | 1710 | 3042 | 36.0 | |

| Final decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | | Grant | |
| | | | | rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| China | | | | | |
| (PRC) | 1169 | 492 | 677 | 42.1 | |
| Zimbabwe | 299 | 255 | 44 | 85.3 | |
| India | 263 | 34 | 229 | 12.9 | |
| Pakistan | 253 | 212 | 41 | 83.8 | |
| Sri Lanka | 250 | 190 | 60 | 76.0 | |
| Fiji | 238 | 38 | 200 | 16.0 | |
| Malaysia | 226 | 14 | 212 | 6.2 | |
| Iran | 216 | 211 | 5 | 97.7 | |
| Iraq | 191 | 182 | 9 | 95.3 | |
| Indonesia | 190 | 32 | 158 | 16.8 | |
| Other | 1338 | 707 | 631 | 52.8 | |
| Total | 4633 | 2367 | 2266 | 51.1 | |

Primary and final grant rates by decisions of top 10 countries of citizenship in 2010-11 to 25 February 2011

| Primary decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | | Grant | |
| | | | | rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| China | | | | | |
| (PRC) | 737 | 88 | 649 | 11.9 | |
| Fiji | 267 | 13 | 254 | 4.9 | |
| Iran | 258 | 199 | 59 | 77.1 | |
| India | 217 | 5 | 212 | 2.3 | |
| Zimbabwe | 196 | 108 | 88 | 55.1 | |
| Pakistan | 170 | 88 | 82 | 51.8 | |
| Malaysia | 159 | 1 | 158 | 0.6 | |
| Egypt | 145 | 47 | 98 | 32.4 | |
| Indonesia | 132 | 4 | 128 | 3.0 | |
| Sri Lanka | 132 | 69 | 63 | 52.3 | |
| Other | 979 | 292 | 687 | 29.8 | |
| Total | 3392 | 914 | 2478 | 26.9 | |

| Final decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------|--|
| | | | | Grant rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| China | | | | | |
| (PRC) | 740 | 225 | 515 | 30.4 | |
| Fiji | 381 | 73 | 308 | 19.2 | |
| Iran | 246 | 235 | 11 | 95.5 | |
| Zimbabwe | 192 | 153 | 39 | 79.7 | |
| India | 183 | 17 | 166 | 9.3 | |
| Malaysia | 169 | 6 | 163 | 3.6 | |
| Pakistan | 133 | 105 | 28 | 78.9 | |
| Indonesia | 111 | 11 | 100 | 9.9 | |
| Sri Lanka | 104 | 88 | 16 | 84.6 | |
| Lebanon | 98 | 45 | 53 | 45.9 | |
| Other | 864 | 454 | 410 | 52.5 | |
| Total | 3221 | 1412 | 1809 | 43.8 | |

Non-IMA figures relating to 2009-10 are as officially revised at the end of 2009-10 (data extracted from DIAC systems on 2 July 2010). Figures relating to 2010-11 are provisional (data extracted on 25 February 2011).

The primary and final grant rates for 2009-10 and 2010-11 for irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs) are shown in the following tables. Note that the primary and final figures relate to the number of decisions made during the period and do not necessarily relate to the same group of people.

IMA Outcomes

Primary and final grant rates by decisions of top 10 countries of citizenship in 2009-10

| Primary decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | | Grant | |
| | | | | rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| Afghanistan | 1826 | 1423 | 403 | 77.9 | |
| Sri Lanka | 407 | 313 | 94 | 76.9 | |
| Stateless | 249 | 167 | 82 | 67.1 | |
| Iraq | 213 | 126 | 87 | 59.2 | |
| Iran | 95 | 50 | 45 | 52.6 | |
| Pakistan | 15 | 6 | 9 | 40.0 | |
| Vietnam | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 | |
| Kuwait | 4 | 4 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Somalia | 2 | 1 | 1 | 50.0 | |
| Palestinian | | | | | |
| Authority | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Other | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 | |
| Total | 2828 | 2091 | 737 | 73.9 | |

| Final decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | | Grant | |
| | | | | rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| Afghanistan | 1575 | 1425 | 150 | 90.5 | |
| Sri Lanka | 374 | 315 | 59 | 84.2 | |
| Stateless | 193 | 170 | 23 | 88.1 | |
| Iraq | 156 | 134 | 22 | 85.9 | |
| Iran | 69 | 64 | 5 | 92.8 | |
| Pakistan | 8 | 6 | 2 | 75.0 | |
| Kuwait | 4 | 4 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Somalia | 2 | 1 | 1 | 50.0 | |
| Bangladesh | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 | |
| Palestinian | | | | | |
| Authority | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 | |
| Total | 2385 | 2120 | 265 | 88.9 | |

Primary and final grant rates by decisions of top 10 countries of citizenship in 2010-11 to 31 December 2010

| Primary decisions and grant rates | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | | Grant |
| | | | | rate |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) |
| Afghanistan | 793 | 190 | 603 | 24.0 |
| Sri Lanka | 307 | 158 | 149 | 51.5 |
| Stateless | 274 | 58 | 216 | 21.2 |
| Iran | 203 | 21 | 182 | 10.3 |
| Iraq | 128 | 32 | 96 | 25.0 |
| Pakistan | 11 | 1 | 10 | 9.1 |
| Palestinian | | | | |
| Authority | 8 | 8 | 0 | 100.0 |
| | | | | |
| Vietnam | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 |
| Burma | 7 | 7 | 0 | 100.0 |
| | | | | |
| Kuwait | 7 | 1 | 6 | 14.3 |
| Other | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| Total | 1750 | 476 | 1274 | 27.2 |

| Final decisions and grant rates | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | | Grant | |
| | | | | rate | |
| Citizenship | Decisions | Granted | Refused | (%) | |
| Afghanistan | 486 | 382 | 104 | 78.6 | |
| Sri Lanka | 181 | 161 | 20 | 89.0 | |
| Stateless | 148 | 89 | 59 | 60.1 | |
| Iraq | 115 | 72 | 43 | 62.6 | |
| Iran | 103 | 34 | 69 | 33.0 | |
| Vietnam | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0.0 | |
| | | | | | |
| Pakistan | 8 | 5 | 3 | 62.5 | |
| Palestinian | | | | | |
| Authority | 8 | 8 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Burma | 7 | 7 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Syrian Arab | | | | | |
| Republic | 2 | 2 | 0 | 100.0 | |
| Other | 5 | 2 | 3 | 40.0 | |
| Total | 1074 | 762 | 312 | 70.9 | |

IMA figures relating to 2009-10 and 2010-11 to 31 December 2010 are provisional (data extracted from DIAC systems on 8 April 2011).