

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0247) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Pratt (L&CA 66) asked:

Were 100 visas granted to Egyptian Coptics under the offshore humanitarian program for the period 2007–08? If not, please clarify.

Answer:

In the program year 2007–08, a total of 13 persons who were born in Egypt were granted a humanitarian visa (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 or 204). Of these, five persons self-identified as Coptic Christian.