

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (AE12/0248) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

Please provide a breakdown of all offshore applications for humanitarian and refugee visas by post, country of origin, nationality, age and gender in the year to date.

*Answer:*

The information requested can be found in the following tables.

**Table 1: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by Post of visa lodgement, 2011–12 year to date<sup>2</sup>**

Post	Persons
Amman	698
Ankara	266
Bangkok	640
Beijing	86
Beirut	229
Berlin	199
Brasilia	19
Cairo	8 095
Colombo	197
Dhaka	26
Dili	1
Dubai	614
Jakarta	240
Kuala Lumpur	1 181
Manila	4
Melbourne OHPC <sup>3</sup>	10 451
Moscow	1
Nairobi	1 253
New Delhi	733
Nicosia	6
Phnom Penh	2
Port Moresby	1

**Table 1 continued: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by Post of visa lodgement, 2011–12 year to date<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Persons</b>
Pretoria	1
Rangoon	10
Santiago De Chile	2
Seoul	5
Singapore	4
Suva	17
Sydney OHPC <sup>3</sup>	3 211
Tehran	263
Washington	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 495</b>

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 31 January 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 06 February 2012.
3. Applicants residing in Africa or the Middle East (including South West Asia) who are proposed for entry by an Australian relative, friend or community organisation are required to lodge their applications at the Sydney Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre (for applicants in Africa) or the Melbourne Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre (for applicants in the Middle East and South West Asia).

**Table 2: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by country of residence at time of lodgement, 2011–12 year to date<sup>2</sup>**

Country of residence	Persons	Country of residence	Persons
Afghanistan	1 269	Kyrgyzstan	15
Austria	5	Lebanon	713
Bahrain	17	Liberia	29
Bangladesh	26	Libya	2
Benin	16	Malawi	290
Bosnia-Herzegovina	10	Malaysia	1 189
Brazil	19	Malta	15
Burundi	18	Morocco	8
Cambodia	2	Mozambique	3
Cameroon	21	Nepal	258
Chad	6	Netherlands	17
China	81	Niger	11
Colombia	1	Nigeria	19
Congo	44	Norway	5
Croatia	3	Oman	4
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	1	Pakistan	4 323
Djibouti	16	Papua New Guinea	1
Egypt	2 235	Philippines	4
Eritrea	491	Qatar	30
Ethiopia	169	Russia	2
Fiji	17	Rwanda	22
Finland	1	Saudi Arabia	39
France	3	Sierra Leone	11
Gambia	9	Singapore	4
Germany	16	Somalia	30
Ghana	138	South Africa	114
Greece	15	South Korea	5
Guinea	519	Sri Lanka	197
India <sup>3</sup>	471	Sudan	6 440
Indonesia	241	Sweden	6
Iran	1 328	Syria	2 475
Iraq	497	Tajikistan	37
Israel	20	Tanzania	32
Italy	1	Thailand	645
Japan	5	Tunisia	141
Jordan	453	Turkey	741
Kazakhstan	2	Uganda	488
Kenya	1 160	Ukraine	1
Kuwait	71	United Arab Emirates	511

**Table 2 continued: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by country of residence at time of lodgement, 2011–12 year to date<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Country of residence</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Country of residence</b>	<b>Persons</b>
United Kingdom	13	Zambia	23
United States	40	Zimbabwe	47
Venezuela	1	Unknown	11
Yemen	66	<b>Total</b>	<b>28 495</b>

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2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 31 January 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 06 February 2012.
3. Due to a coding error, some persons recorded as being located in India were actually located in Nepal. This would primarily apply to the 186 persons born in Bhutan who were recorded as residing in India.

**Table 3: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by country of birth<sup>2</sup>, 2011–12 year to date<sup>3</sup>**

Country of birth	Persons	Country of birth	Persons
Afghanistan	6 866	Japan	7
Austria	4	Jordan	5
Bahrain	15	Kenya	9
Bangladesh	1	Kuwait	148
Benin	3	Kyrgyzstan	31
Bhutan	441	Lebanon	29
Bosnia-Herzegovina	11	Liberia	314
Brazil	1	Libya	36
Burma	1 798	Malawi	1
Burundi	127	Malaysia	27
Cambodia	2	Mauritania	1
Cameroon	19	Mongolia	1
Central African Republic	1	Morocco	7
Central America (so stated)	6	Mozambique	2
China	72	Nepal	5
Colombia	8	Nicaragua	1
Congo	8	Niger	6
Cote D'Ivoire	31	Nigeria	31
Croatia	4	Pakistan	515
Cuba	19	Palestinian Authority	25
Democratic Republic of the Congo	669	Papua New Guinea	1
Djibouti	1	Philippines	3
Egypt	295	Poland	1
El Salvador	6	Qatar	5
Eritrea	5 546	Russia	4
Ethiopia	2 380	Rwanda	64
Fiji	21	Saudi Arabia	35
Finland	1	Serbia	2
Former Yugoslavia	3	Sierra Leone	377
France	4	Somalia	1 229
Germany	6	South Africa	8
Ghana	4	South Sudan	32
Guinea	18	Sri Lanka	244
Honduras	5	Sudan	1 333
Hungary	1	Syria	208
India	18	Taiwan	1
Indonesia	16	Tajikistan	2
Iran	509	Tanzania	8
Iraq	4 644	Thailand	28
Jamaica	1	Togo	45

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<b>Country of birth</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Country of birth</b>	<b>Persons</b>
Turkey	13	Uzbekistan	14
Uganda	5	Yemen	6
Ukraine	4	Zimbabwe	25
United Arab Emirates	3	Unknown	7
United Kingdom	1		
United States	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>28 495</b>

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The country of birth of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
3. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 31 January 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 06 February 2012.

**Table 4: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by age at time of lodgement, 2011–12 year to date<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Age (years)</b>	<b>Persons</b>
<1	361
1-4	2 837
5-9	3 865
10-14	3 850
15-19	3 699
20-24	2 636
25-29	2 730
30-34	2 164
35-39	1 908
40-44	1 381
45-49	993
50-54	737
55-59	469
60-64	262
65-69	210
70-74	121
75+	137
Unknown	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 495</b>

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2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 31 January 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 06 February 2012.

**Table 5: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa<sup>1</sup>, by sex, 2011–12 year to date<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Persons</b>
Male	13 700
Female	14 786
Unknown	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 495</b>

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2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 31 January 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 06 February 2012.