

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0045) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 51) asked:

How many visas is the department expecting to grant to applicants under the refugee private sponsorship program in 2012-13? How many visa grants are estimated for the duration of the Refugee private sponsorship program?

Answer:

The Community Proposal Pilot will accommodate up to 500 places in total.

There may be a small number of visa grants in 2012–13; the majority of visas will be granted in 2013–14.