

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0114) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 112-113) asked:

In relation to the acceptance rates of Sri Lankan IMAs claiming protection, what is the current acceptance rate and how does that compare internationally?

Answer:

Annual and quarterly figures for Protection visa grant and refusal rates for IMAs and non-IMAs at primary and review stages are published on the DIAC website at:

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/files/asylum-trends-aus-annual-2010-11.pdf>

Refugee approval rates are not directly comparable across countries as the claimants' ethnicity and type of claims presented, the manner of accessing claimants', and the type of status granted or denied all vary considerably from country to country.