

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0254) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many offshore refugee and humanitarian visas have been granted in 2012-13 for the following visas sub classes – 200, 201, 202, 203, 204? How many are planned for 2013-14 for each of these sub classes by country of origin, gender and age.

Answer:

As at 28 February 2013, 5219 persons have been granted an offshore humanitarian visa during the 2012-13 program year. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of visas granted by visa subclass.

Table 1: Persons granted a humanitarian visa, by visa subclass, for the 2012-13 program year to 28 February 2013

Visa category	Persons
Refugee	
200 (Refugee)	4171
201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program)	61
203 (Emergency Rescue)	25
204 (Woman at Risk)	850
Total Refugee	5107
Humanitarian	
202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program)	112
Total	5219

Note: Data was extracted from departmental systems on 03 March 2013.

The Government will make decisions on the 2013-14 Humanitarian Program in the context of the May Budget.