

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2009**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(83) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Joyce asked:

(1) How many Hazara people were placed on TPVs?

(2) How many of those people are now citizens or permanent residents

*Answer:*

(1) From the introduction of TPVs in October 1999, some 4119 TPVs were granted to Afghan nationals. Of those, records show that some 3235 TPVs were granted to Afghans who self-identified as Hazara.

(2) Of those identified in answer (1), some 3135 self-identified Hazara were granted permanent Protection visas and, as at 24 July 2009, some 59 self-identified Hazara who were TPV/THV holders at abolition had been granted permanent Resolution of Status visas. Information about which of these permanent residents are now Australian citizens is not readily available in consolidated form.