

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(43) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Parry (L&C 76) asked:

How many of the 4,277 onshore protection visa applications were lodged by people *[who were not Irregular Maritime Arrivals]* who arrived with visas and were lawful at the time of application, how many were lodged by people who arrived with visas but were unlawful at the time of application and how many were lodged by people who were unauthorised air arrivals?

Answer:

Information about lawfulness at the time of application is not available from DIAC systems.

In 2009-10 to 11 June, according to DIAC systems data as revised at 11 June 2010, there were 5,646 onshore protection visa applications lodged by people who were not Irregular Maritime Arrivals. Of these, 541 applicants were air arrivals who presented as undocumented at the time of lodgement either at airports or subsequently after immigration clearance.