

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(46) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Parry (L&C 77) asked:

How many places in the humanitarian and refugee program have been provided to onshore asylum claims, including air arrivals and those who have arrived unauthorised by boat? Can we have a breakdown of those figures?

Answer:

To 31 May 2010, 4286 visas had been granted under the onshore component of the 2009–10 Humanitarian Program. These included:

- 2056 Protection visas granted to Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs)
- 2208 Protection visas granted to non-IMAs
- 14 visas granted under Ministerial Intervention powers
- 8 Program-countable¹ Resolution of Status visas.

¹ Only visas granted to persons who have not previously held a Humanitarian Program visa are counted against the Program, for example children born to Temporary Protection visa holders who are later included in their Resolution of Status visa application.