

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(51) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Humphries (L&C 96-97) asked:

How many of the 480 people who have had negative primary refugee status decisions have been removed? Provide a breakdown of the 480.

Answer:

As at 19 May 2010, of the 480 people who had received a negative primary refugee status decision, 63 had been removed from Australia.

Breakdown of the 480 clients as at 19 May 2010:

- 35 had their primary decisions overturned at review (as at 19 May 2010, 19 of these had been granted visas with the remainder awaiting security checks)
- 87 have been affirmed at review, of these:
 - 21 had received their review decision but have a barrier to their removal i.e. ongoing litigation, awaiting issuance of a travel document,
 - five were awaiting removal (two of whom have subsequently been removed, three have appealed to the High Court),
 - 47 had been removed from Australia,
 - 14 had a review outcome but had not yet received this decision.
- 253 are awaiting their review decision.
- 86 had just received their primary decision and were within the window to seek review.
- 19 did not seek review, of these:
 - 16 had been removed from Australia.
 - three had been granted Criminal Justice Stay Visas