

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Humphries (L&C 100) asked:

Provide a breakdown of the number of people who fall into the various categories (onshore, refugees, humanitarian and family reunion) that make up the 13 750 humanitarian places.

*Answer:*

The Humanitarian Program for 2009–10 has been set at 13 750 places:

- 6000 Refugee places
- 7750 Other Humanitarian places for the offshore Special Humanitarian Program (SHP) and for the onshore component of the Program.

As at 31 May 2010, 12 680 visas had been granted under the Humanitarian Program:

- 5618 Refugee visas
- 7062 Other Humanitarian visas, of which:
  - 2776 were granted under the offshore SHP
  - 4286 were granted under the onshore component of the Program.

Although applicants under the Humanitarian Program can be proposed by immediate family members in Australia, there is no separate category for family reunion within the Program. Visas granted to these applicants are counted against the same component of the Program as the visa held by the proposer in Australia.