

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0194) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many offshore applications have been made in 2010–11 by nationality and by post under Australia's refugee and humanitarian program?

Answer:

There were 54 243 applications made for visas under the offshore component of Australia's 2010–11 Humanitarian Program. This included applications for Refugee (subclass 200), In-Country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian (subclass 202), Emergency Rescue (subclass 203), and Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visas.

The first table below shows the number of applications lodged by post and Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centres (OHPCs¹). The second table below shows the number of applications lodged by country of birth.

Table 1

Post	Applications	Post	Applications
Amman	2939	Manila	11
Ankara	771	Melbourne OHPC ¹	12 817
Bangkok	1440	Moscow	26
Beijing	108	Nairobi	3855
Beirut	281	New Delhi	2051
Belgrade	21	Phnom Penh	2
Berlin	360	Port Moresby	5
Brasilia	1	Pretoria	766
Cairo ²	17 236	Rangoon	33
Colombo	425	Santiago De Chile	7
Dhaka	212	Seoul	7
Dubai	1098	Singapore	6
Hanoi	3	Suva	49
Hong Kong	2	Sydney OHPC ¹	8137
Ho Chi Minh	1	Tehran	232
Jakarta	276	Tokyo	3
Kuala Lumpur	994	Washington	68
		Total	54 243

¹ Applicants residing in Africa or the Middle East (including South West Asia) who are proposed for entry by an Australian relative, friend or community organisation are required to lodge their applications at the:

- NSW Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre for applicants in Africa; and
- Victorian Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre for applicants in the Middle East and South West Asia.

² The high number of applications received in Cairo is the result of over 9000 self-referred applications during October 2010. These applications were made following a rumour in the local community in Egypt that Australia was increasing its resettlement of refugees.

Table 2

Country of birth ¹	Applications	Country of birth ¹	Applications
Afghanistan	7730	Kenya	28
Albania	2	Kuwait	115
Algeria	2	Kyrgyzstan	18
Angola	7	Laos	32
Armenia	3	Lebanon	54
Azerbaijan	4	Liberia	1080
Bahrain	1	Libya	10
Bangladesh	7	Malawi	1
Belarus	1	Malaysia	13
Benin	4	Mauritius	4
Bhutan	1392	Mongolia	1
Bosnia-herzegovina	20	Nepal	12
Brazil	1	Niger	3
Bulgaria	2	Nigeria	141
Burkina Faso	1	Pakistan	818
Burma	2649	Palestinian Authority	111
Burundi	286	Philippines	9
Cameroon	21	Poland	1
Canada	2	Qatar	5
Central African Republic	7	Romania	2
Chad	66	Russia	36
Chile	1	Rwanda	224
China	97	Saudi Arabia	62
Colombia	7	Senegal	8
Comoros	2	Serbia	8
Congo	262	Sierra Leone	859
Cote D'ivoire	105	Slovenia	3
Croatia	3	Somalia	7519
Cuba	7	South Africa	5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1231	South Korea	1
Djibouti	3	Sri Lanka	602
Egypt	241	Sudan	7562
El Salvador	14	Syria	36
Eritrea	5711	Tanzania	29
Ethiopia	5185	Thailand	89
Fiji	44	Togo	101
Gambia	1	Turkey	36
Georgia	4	Uganda	23
Germany	2	Ukraine	6
Ghana	11	United Arab Emirates	21
Guinea	36	United Kingdom	9
Hong Kong	1	U.S.A.	3
Hungary	1	Uzbekistan	34
India	24	Vietnam	4
Indonesia	27	Yemen	11
Iran	667	Zambia	1
Iraq	8506	Zimbabwe	57
Jamaica	1	Other	17
Japan	1		
Jordan	16	Total	54 243

¹ The country of birth of primary visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants. For example, where the primary visa applicant was born in Afghanistan but has two children (secondary applicants) born in Pakistan, the country of birth for the secondary visa applicants will be counted as Afghanistan.