

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0208) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

How many grants were made for offshore applications for protection visas under our refugee and humanitarian program in 2010/11 and by post, by post and nationality group?

*Answer:*

None. Protection visas are granted to people who seek protection and are determined to be a refugee after arrival in Australia. Applicants outside Australia may apply for a visa under either the Refugee or Special Humanitarian categories.

The number of visas granted under the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program in 2010-11 by post and nationality was provided in answer to question on notice BE11/0195.