

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0218) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many onshore protection visa applications, by nationality, were lodged by people, who were not Irregular Maritime Arrivals, and arrived without visas or identity documentation, i.e. were unlawful?

Answer:

In 2010–11, 27 people arrived at an Australian airport without documentation and raised a protection claim.

The claimed nationalities on arrival were:

Afghanistan	3
Eritrea	1
Iran	5
Iraq	7
Kuwait	1
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	1
China (PRC)	1
Sri Lanka	6
North Korea	1

Note: Figures are manually sourced as at 12 August 2011.