

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0045) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 83) asked:

Senator CASH: Because nothing has been processed, apart from the preliminary assessment. So there are 5,000 currently who have not received a place. You were going to get me the comparative figures for 2011-12. We have established 12,000 refugees, 500 SH visas and 7,000 onshore, which gets us to our 20,000. In relation to last year, 13,750, what is the breakdown?

Mr Bowles: It is 6,000 refugees to start with, I think it was 500 SHP—

Senator CASH: So half the number of refugees, the same number of special humanitarian—

Mr Bowles: I think so. We will get you the exact figures. We went from 6,000 to 12,000 on the refugee front.

Answer:

The following table provides a comparison and breakdown of the visas granted under the Refugee and Humanitarian Program for the 2011-12 program year and the 2012-13 program year to 30 April 2013.

Visa	2011-12	2012-13
Refugee	6004	8568
SHP	714	270
Onshore	7041	7219

Notes:

Data for 2012-13 program year was extracted from departmental systems on 16 June 2013.