

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0299) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many offshore refugee and humanitarian visas have been granted in 2012-13 for the following visas sub classes – 200, 201, 202, 203, 204? How many are planned for 2013-14 for each of these sub classes by country of origin, gender and age.

Answer:

As at 30 April 2013, 8838 persons have been granted an offshore humanitarian visa during the 2012-13 program year. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of visas granted by visa subclass

Table 1: Persons granted a humanitarian visa, by visa subclass, for the 2012-13 program year to 30 April 2013

Visa category	
Refugee	
200 (Refugee)	7264
201 (In-country Special Humanitarian)	69
203 (Emergency Rescue)	30
204 (Woman at Risk)	1205
<i>Total Refugee</i>	<i>8568</i>
Humanitarian	
202 (Special Humanitarian Program)	270
<i>SHP Total</i>	<i>270</i>
Total	8838

Notes:

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

Former Minister O'Connor announced that the planning for the humanitarian program for 2013-14 is 20,000 places. A media release dated 14 May 2013 can be found at the below link:

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/bo/2013/bo203125.htm>