

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0423) PROGRAM –**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Has the department assessed any applications from IMA's for complementary protection? How many have satisfied that criteria and been given a permanent protection visa and over what period of time? Have any assessments against complementary protection criteria been refused?

*Answer:*

All applications for protection assessed after 24 March 2012 have had complementary protection criteria considered where the applicant did not engage Australia's *non-refoulement* obligations under the Refugees Convention.

Since the introduction of complementary protection, a total of 46 Protection visas have been granted on complementary protection grounds, including 27 to IMAs.

Since 24 March 2012, an application for protection from an IMA is refused where the person has been found not to meet the criteria for the grant of a Protection visa under both the Refugees Convention and complementary protection.

Annual and quarterly figures for final refusals for IMAs are published on the DIAC website at:

[www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/)