

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(51) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

Since the Prime Minister's announcement, what is the (country of origin) breakdown of visas (866, 785, RPV) issued to FPV applicants to 31/10/05?

Answer:

The following tables provide visa grants by subclass and citizenship for grants made in the period 18 June to 31 October 2005 to applicants for further protection. Please note that these figures include some visa grants made to applicants for further protection who were outside the cohort of applicants covered by the Prime Minister's commitment to finalise existing applications for permanent protection visas by temporary protection visa and temporary humanitarian visa holders by 31 October 2005. For example, grants following a remittal by the Refugee Review Tribunal. Data is as at 4 November 2005.

Citizenships, where there are fewer than 10 grants, have been aggregated and the number of citizenships is shown in brackets.

Temporary protection visa (subclass 785) grants

Citizenship	Number of grants
IRAQ	43
OTHER (6)	18
TOTAL	61

Permanent protection visa (subclass 866) grants

Citizenship	Number of grants
IRAQ	2449
AFGHANISTAN	762
IRAN	131
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	42
SRI LANKA	29
STATELESS	23
PAKISTAN	13
OTHER (21)	41
TOTAL	3490

Return pending visa (subclass 695) grants

Citizenship	Number of grants
IRAQ	130
AFGHANISTAN	70
OTHER (5)	7
TOTAL	207

Return pending visas are granted at various stages of processing of the application for a further protection visa but do not come into effect unless the temporary protection visa or temporary humanitarian visa, held by the person, ceases. Seventy five of the above return pending visas were in effect as at 4 November 2005.