

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Ludwig (L&CA 85) asked:

Do you have separate figures for how many air arrivals were granted a temporary protection visa on an ongoing basis in the last 12 months? Is there a projection underway as well of how many you expect to unfortunately get that way?

Answer:

DIMA systems as at 3 November 2006 indicate that 46 unauthorised air arrivals were granted an initial temporary protection visa (TPV) for the 2005-06 programme year. In 2006-07, as at 3 November 2006, 30 TPVs have been granted.

Departmental planning figures estimate between 100-200 unauthorised air arrivals will apply for a protection visa in 2006-07. Each application for a protection visa is assessed on its own merit and there is no pre-determined level of grants expected, however, the above figure for 2005-06 could be seen as indicative in present circumstances.