

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (103) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please prepare a table comparing Temporary Protection visas with permanent visas including entitlements to:

- a. Social Security Benefits;
- b. Education;
- c. Settlement support;
- d. Family reunion;
- e. Work rights;
- f. Language training;
- g. Medical benefits;
- h. Travel;
- i. Other.

Answer:

#### COMPARISON OF ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION VISA AND PROTECTION VISA HOLDERS (prepared November 2009)

Benefits and Limitations	Temporary Protection visas (TPV)	Protection visas (PV)
<b>a) Social Security Benefits</b>		
Newstart Allowance	✘	✔
Youth Allowance	✘	✔
Parenting Payment	✘	✔
Austudy	✘	✔
Age Pension	✘	✔
- Pensioner Concession Card	!	✔
Disability Support Pension	✘	✔
Carer Payment/Carer Allowance	✘	✔
Special Benefit	✔	****
Rent Assistance (as part of primary payment or Special Benefit)	✔	✔
Family Tax Benefit	✔	✔
Child Care Benefit	✔	✔
Double Orphan Pension	✔	✔
Crisis Payment	✔	✔
Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASA)	NA	NA

<b>b) Education</b>		
Public Education (school aged)	✓	✓
Vocational Education and Training	✗	✓
University	✗	✓
Youth Pathways	✗	✓
Job Placement, Employment and Training (JPET)	✓	✓
Higher Education Loan Program	✗	✓
Australian Apprenticeship Access Program	✗	✓

<b>c) Settlement Support</b>		
Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS) services	✗	✓
Short-term torture and trauma counselling	***	***
Complex Case Support	^	^
Settlement Grants Program	✗	✓
Translating and Interpreting Services (TIS)	✓	✓
Newly Arrived Youth Support Services (NAYSS)	✓	✓

<b>d) Family Reunion Provisions</b>		
Access to “Family Reunion”/ “Split Family” provisions	✗	✓

<b>e) Work Rights</b>		
Work Rights	✓	✓
Job Network		
- Job Search Support	✓	✓
- Intensive Support	✗	✓
- New Enterprise Incentive Scheme	✗	✓
- Harvest Labour Services	✗	✓
Employment Preparation	✗	✓
Job Search Facilities	✓	✓
Personal Support Program	✗	✓

<b>f) Language Training</b>		
Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)	✗	✓
- Employment Pathways Program	✗	✓
Literacy, Language and Numeracy Program (LLNP)	✓	✓
Workplace English Language	✓	✓

and Literacy (WELL)		
English as a Second Language: New Arrivals (school children)	✓	✓

<b>g) Medical benefits</b>		
Medicare	✓	✓
Health Care Card	✓	✓
Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	✗	✓
Baby Bonus	✗	✓
Maternity Immunisation Allowance	✓	✓
Family Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants	✗	✓
Program of Assistance for the Survivors of Torture and Trauma	✓	✓

<b>h) Travel</b>		
Right of re-entry	✗	✓

<b>j) Other</b>		
Public Housing	#	✓
Legal Aid	✓	✓
Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme	^^	^^

## **LEGEND**

✓	Eligible
✗	Not eligible
!	Holders of a Visa subclass 785 Temporary Protection are eligible to be listed as a dependant on a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) if the person's partner is the holder of either one of these cards.
****	While PV holders are residentially qualified for a primary payment, Special Benefit may be paid if the primary payment has been precluded.
***	PV and TPV holders are eligible only for access to the short term trauma and torture counselling.
^	Only eligible in exceptional circumstances
#	In most states, you must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident to qualify for Public Housing. In QLD/NT holders of Temporary Protection visas are also eligible and in QLD the holders of Bridging visas where the holder previously held a Temporary Protection Visa which has expired are also eligible.
^^	Substantive visa holders can receive limited free advice, including by phone or in groups.