QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(122) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Abetz asked:

- (1) In each of 2008, 2009 and 2010 how many asylum seekers have a) arrived annually by sea (boat people) and b) by conventional means including air?
- 2) For each of these two categories a) how many have been approved as refugees,
- b) from which source countries have they come?
- 3) For each source country, how many asylum seekers have made a) successful,
- b) unsuccessful claims?

Answer.

1) See table below.

Method of arrival	2008	2009	2010
By sea – irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs)	159	2501	4902 (until 27/10/10)
By other means – Non-IMA Protection visa applications lodged *	4768	5071	3188 (until 30/6/10)

^{*} Non-IMA Protection visa program information is reported by date of lodgement rather than arrival.

2 & 3) See below tables for numbers of asylum seekers approved as refugees by nationality by method of arrival and calendar year of arrival, or in the case of non-IMA Protection visa applicants, the year of lodgement.

By boat (irregular maritime arrivals) – Arrivals by calendar year and outcomes of RSA assessments by nationality as at 27 October 2010

		Outcomes as at 27 October 2010				
Nationality	IMA Arrivals 2008	Successful	Unsuccessful	Final Decisions	On hand / otherwise finalised	
Afghanistan	118	118	0	118	0	
Bangladesh		0	0		0	
Burma		0	0		0	
Djibouti		0	0		0	
India		0	0		0	
Indonesia		0	0		0	
Iran	3	3	0	3	0	
Iraq	21	20	1	21	0	
Kuwait		0	0		0	
Pakistan		0	0		0	
Somalia		0	0		0	
Sri Lanka	14	4	10	14	0	
Stateless	3	3	0	3	0	
Syria		0	0		0	
Vietnam		0	0		0	
Yemen		0	0		0	
Total	159	148	11	159	0	

		Outcomes as at 27 October 2010				
Nationality	IMA Arrivals 2009	Successful	Unsuccessful	Final Decisions	On hand / otherwise finalised	
Afghanistan	1314	1306	2	1308	6	
Bangladesh	1	0	1	1	0	
Burma	24	16	0	16	8	
Djibouti	1	0	1	1	0	
India	1	0	1	1	0	
Indonesia	3	1	0	1	2	
Iran	76	69	5	74	2	
Iraq	137	127	8	135	2	
Kuwait	3	3	0	3	0	
Pakistan	16	9	3	12	4	
Somalia	1	1	0	1	0	
Sri Lanka	722	459	75	534	188	
Stateless	192	166	13	179	13	
Syria	2	2	0	2	0	
Vietnam	8	0	3	3	5	
Yemen		0	0	0	0	
Total	2501	2159	112	2271	230	

		Outcomes as at 27 October 2010			
Nationality	IMA Arrivals 2010 (to 27 October)	Successful	Unsuccessful	Final Decisions	On hand / otherwise finalised
Afghanistan	2604	405	49	454	2150
Bangladesh	1	0	0	0	1
Burma	20	0	0	0	20
Djibouti		0	0	0	0
India		0	0	0	0
Indonesia	2	0	2	2	0
Iran	582	31	6	37	545
Iraq	400	69	16	85	315
Kuwait	11	1	0	1	10
Pakistan	17	1	0	1	16
Somalia	7	0	0	0	7
Sri Lanka	393	0	2	2	391
Stateless	845	97	5	102	743
Syria	2	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	2	0	0	0	2
Turkey	1	0	0	0	1
Vietnam	12	0	0	0	12
Yemen	3	0	1	1	2
Total	4902	604	81	685	4217

By other means – Non-IMA PV applications lodged by calendar year and finally determined outcomes of those applications as at 2 July 2010

		Outcomes as at 2 July 2010			
Nationality	Non-IMA PV applications lodged in 2008	Successful	Unsuccessful	Final decisions	Onhand/ Otherwise finalised
China (PRC)	1233	399	813	1212	21
Sri Lanka	422	353	53	406	16
India	372	31	327	358	14
Malaysia	234	17	213	230	4
Indonesia	235	24	203	227	8
Pakistan	221	177	40	217	4
Zimbabwe	215	185	23	208	7
Iraq	199	184	6	190	9
Iran	162	143	15	158	4
Korea, South	129	11	113	124	5
Other	1346	647	598	1245	101
Total	4768	2171	2404	4575	193

		Outcomes as at 2 July 2010			
Nationality	Non-IMA PV applications lodged in 2009	Successful	Unsuccessful	Final decisions	Onhand/ Otherwise finalised
China (PRC)	1190	389	617	1006	184
Zimbabwe	351	268	41	309	42
Sri Lanka	433	213	43	256	177
Malaysia	231	8	214	222	9
Iran	273	201	5	206	67
Pakistan	256	169	37	206	50
India	213	16	172	188	25
Fiji	262	38	147	185	77
Iraq	226	169	9	178	48
Indonesia	192	22	155	177	15
Other	1444	564	556	1120	324
Total	5071	2057	1996	4053	1018

		Outcomes as at 2 July 2010				
Nationality	Non-IMA PV applications lodged in 2010 (to 30 June 2010)	Successful	Unsuccessful	Final decisions	Onhand/ Otherwise finalised	
China (PRC)	600	48	27	75	525	
Fiji	362	0	43	43	319	
Pakistan	184	36	0	36	148	
Zimbabwe	208	31			174	
Iran	209	29	0	29	180	
Malaysia	125	0	24	24	101	
Sri Lanka	137	17			119	
Iraq	97	15	0	15	82	
Indonesia	84	0	14	14	70	
Afghanistan	59	12	0	12	47	
Other	1123	42	43	85	1038	
Total	3188	230	155	385	2803	

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