

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(222) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many grants were made for offshore applications for protection visas under our refugee and humanitarian programme in 2009-10 and by post and nationality group?

Answer.

Protection visas are granted to people seeking protection in Australia. Applicants outside Australia may apply for other visas under Australia's Humanitarian Program through either the Refugee, or Special Humanitarian categories. This includes Refugee (subclass 200), In-Country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian (subclass 202), Emergency Rescue (subclass 203) and Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visas.

- There were 9236 visas granted within the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program in 2009-10.

The following table shows visa grants under the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program by post:

Post	Grants	Post	Grants
New Delhi	1 420	Shanghai	22
Nairobi	1 383	Guangzhou	16
Bangkok	1 340	Moscow	15
Amman	1 100	Berlin	14
Pretoria	894	Suva	14
Dubai	693	Athens	11
Ankara	501	Washington	6
Cairo	398	Ho Chi Minh City	5
Tehran	376	Santiago De Chile	5
Kuala Lumpur	340	Dili	4
Beirut	171	Belgrade	2
Colombo	165	Islamabad	2
Dhaka	138	Auckland	1
Jakarta	138	Hanoi	1
Beijing	60	Manila	1
		Total	9 236

The following table shows visa grants under the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program by Country of Birth:

Country of Birth	Grants
Burma	1 959
Iraq	1 688
Bhutan	1 144
Afghanistan	951
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	584
Ethiopia	392
Somalia	317
Sudan	298
Liberia	258
Sierra Leone	237
Iran	184
Sri Lanka	184
Eritrea	143
Rwanda	130
Burundi	117
China, People's Republic of	96
Pakistan	71
Thailand	55
Congo, Republic of the	46
Togo	46
Egypt, Arab Republic of	38
Uganda	27
Indonesia	25
Zimbabwe	17
Kenya	13
U.S.S.R.	13
Fiji	12
Kuwait	12
Palestinian Authority	12
Saudi Arabia	11
Tanzania	11
Lao, People's Democratic Republic	9
Nepal	9
Cote D'Ivoire	7
Malaysia	6
Syria	6
Vietnam	6
Other	102
Total	9 236