

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(224) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

1) In 2009-10 financial year and 2010 year to date, how many irregular maritime arrivals sought refugee status by nationality and country of origin?

2) How many of those lodged protection visa applications by nationality and country of origin?

Answer:

1 & 2) The information requested is contained in the table below. For arrivals since 1 July 2010, none were eligible by 27 October 2010 to lodge protection visa applications, because the Minister had not exercised the power to allow such applications following assessment of their claims for protection.

The following table provides a break down by nationality and financial year of the numbers of people making claims and the numbers of people who having been found to be refugees have made Protection visa applications and have been granted Protection visas.

Arrivals and Protection visa grants by nationality for 2009-10 financial year and 2010-11 to 27 October 2010

Nationality	Number of arrivals 2009-10 claiming Refugee Status	Number lodging Protection visa applications 2009-10	Number of arrivals 2010-11 to 27 October 2010 claiming Refugee Status
Afghanistan	2982	1253	478
Bangladesh	2	0	0
Burma	42	14	0
Indonesia	3	0	0
Iran	260	85	382
Iraq	307	150	184
Kuwait	7	4	7
Pakistan	22	8	9
Somalia	7	0	0
Sri Lanka	841	253	0
Stateless	749	246	271
Syria	3	2	1
Turkey	1	0	0
Vietnam	19	0	1
Yemen	3	0	0
Tunisia	0	0	2
TOTAL	5248	2015	1335