

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Cash asked:

How many applicants were granted refugee status in the first instance by the department in each category by country of nationality and origin in 2009-10 and so far in 2010-11?

*Answer:*

2480 people were found to be refugees and were granted Protection visas in the first instance by the Department in the 2009-10 financial year.

340 people were found to be refugees and were granted Protection visas in the 2010-11 financial year to 27 October 2010.

The following table provides a breakdown by nationality of the numbers of people who having been found to be refugees in the first instance by the Department and have been granted Protection visas.

Nationality	Primary grants 2009/10	Primary grants 1 July 2010 to 27 October 2010
Afghanistan	1539	99
Burma	14	14
Indonesia	1	1
Iran	76	18
Iraq	160	25
Kuwait	4	0
Pakistan	6	1
Somalia	1	0
Sri Lanka	455	130
Stateless	224 (former habitual residence Iran 187 Iraq 21 Kuwait 11 Malaysia/Burma 2 Other 3)	52 (former habitual residence Iran 37 Iraq 7 Kuwait 6 Malaysia/Burma 2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>340</b>