

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(233) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many of the humanitarian visas granted in 2009-10 were given to irregular maritime arrivals and their families sponsored from overseas?

Answer:

In 2009-10, 2143 Protection visas were granted to irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs).

In relation to how many humanitarian visas were granted to families of IMAs sponsored from overseas, data is not kept in a way that can be interrogated to answer the question asked.