

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(243) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

(1) What is the RSA primary acceptance rate of all IMAs arriving in Australia by country of origin and nationality for applications considered post April 9, 2010?

(2) How does this compare with the previous six month period?

(3) What is the current acceptance rate after appeal for each group by country of origin?

Answer:

(1) Between 9 April 2010 and 27 October 2010, a total of 2062 primary RSAs were finalised. Of these, 655 people were found to be refugees and 1407 people were found not to be refugees. This is a primary acceptance rate of 27%.

See table below for acceptance rates for each nationality.

(2) Between 9 October 2009 and 8 April 2010, a total of 1516 primary RSAs were finalised. Of these, 1389 people were found to be refugees and 127 people were found not to be refugees. This is a primary acceptance rate of 92%.

See table below for acceptance rates for each nationality.

(3) This information is not available as not all of the review outcomes for cases considered in these periods have been finalised.

**Primary RSA outcomes and acceptance rates for the periods 9/10/09 – 8/4/10
and 9/4/10 – 27/10/10**

	9/10/09 – 8/4/10	9/4/10 – 27/10/10
Nationality	Primary acceptance rate	Primary acceptance rate
Afghanistan	99%	24%
Bangladesh	0%	0% (one case)
Burma	no cases	100%
Djibouti	0%	no cases
Indonesia	0% (two cases)	100% (one case)
Iran	76%	26%
Iraq	71%	41%
Kuwait	100%	33%
Pakistan	30%	20%
Somalia	100%	no cases
Sri Lanka	80%	59%
Stateless	88%	22%
Syria	no cases	0% (two cases)
Vietnam	no cases	0%
Yemen	no cases	0%
TOTAL	59%	27%