

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0207) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

Provide a breakdown of all offshore applications for humanitarian and refugee visas by post, country of origin, nationality, age and gender in 2010–11 and in the year to date.

Answer:

The information requested can be found in the following tables. Note the Department collects data on country of residence, not country of origin. Data is also collected on country of birth.

Table 1: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by post of visa lodgement, 2010–11 and 2011–12 year to date²

Post	Program year of lodgement		Total
	2010–11	2011–12 YTD	
Amman	2 939	305	3 244
Ankara	771	98	869
Bangkok	1 440	203	1 643
Beijing	108	39	147
Beirut	281	105	386
Belgrade	21	0	21
Berlin	360	73	433
Brasilia	1	19	20
Cairo ³	17 236	3 175	20 411
Colombo	425	85	510
Dhaka	212	10	222
Dubai	1 098	257	1 355
Hanoi	3	0	3
Hong Kong	2	0	2
Ho Chi Minh City	1	0	1
Jakarta	276	121	397
Kuala Lumpur	994	535	1 529
Manila	11	0	11
Melbourne OHPC ⁴	12 817	4 419	17 236
Moscow	26	1	27
Nairobi	3 855	584	4 439
New Delhi	2 051	360	2 411
Phnom Penh	2	0	2
Port Moresby	5	0	5
Pretoria	766	0	766
Rangoon	33	17	50
Santiago De Chile	7	0	7

Table 1 continued: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by post of visa lodgement, 2010–11 and 2011–12 year to date²

Post	Program year of lodgement		Total
	2010–11	2011–12 YTD	
Seoul	7	5	12
Singapore	6	0	6
Suva	49	7	56
Sydney OHPC ⁴	8 137	1 534	9 671
Tehran	232	91	323
Tokyo	3	0	3
Washington	68	17	85
Total	54 243	12 060	66 303

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 30 September 2011. Data for 2010–11 was extracted from departmental systems on 30 June 2011. Data for 2011–12 was extracted from departmental systems on 4 November 2011.
3. The high number of applications received in Cairo is the result of a surge in self-referred applications, particularly during October and November 2010. These applications were made following a rumour in the local community in Egypt that Australia was increasing its resettlement of refugees.
4. Applicants residing in Africa or the Middle East (including South West Asia) who are proposed for entry by an Australian relative, friend or community organisation are required to lodge their applications at the NSW Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre (for applicants in Africa) or the Victorian Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre (for applicants in the Middle East and South West Asia).

Table 2a: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by country of residence at time of application, 2010–11²

Country of residence	Persons	Country of residence	Persons
Afghanistan	814	Hungary	1
Algeria	2	India ⁴	2 005
Angola	4	Indonesia	276
Armenia	5	Iran	1 595
Austria	1	Iraq	418
Azerbaijan	8	Ireland	8
Bahrain	2	Israel	80
Bangladesh	212	Italy	18
Belgium	1	Japan	8
Benin	12	Jordan	587
Bhutan	38	Kazakhstan	9
Bosnia & Herzegovina	19	Kenya	6 928
Botswana	1	Kuwait	53
Brazil	1	Kyrgyzstan	11
Bulgaria	7	Latvia	3
Burkina Faso	6	Lebanon	813
Burundi	42	Liberia	56
Cambodia	2	Libya	44
Cameroon	73	Malawi	379
Chad	22	Malaysia	1 003
Chile	3	Malta	8
China	103	Mauritius	2
Colombia	4	Morocco	1
Congo	6	Mozambique	3
Cote D'Ivoire	30	Nepal	5
Croatia	1	Netherlands	22
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	7	Nigeria	114
Djibouti	20	Norway	5
Egypt ³	14 995	Pakistan	5 297
Eritrea	75	Palestinian Authority	8
Ethiopia	404	Papua New Guinea	5
Fiji	49	Philippines	11
France	2	Poland	8
Gambia	4	Qatar	7
Germany	13	Russia	31
Ghana	432	Rwanda	124
Greece	21	Saudi Arabia	65
Guinea	1 576	Senegal	6
Hong Kong	2	Serbia	21

**Table 2a continued: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹,
by country of residence at time of application, 2010–11²**

Country of residence	Persons	Country of residence	Persons
Sierra Leone	57	Thailand	1 474
Somalia	85	Turkey	1 157
South Africa	344	Uganda	1 260
South Korea	7	Ukraine	7
Spain	1	United Arab Emirates	821
Sri Lanka	426	United States	68
Sudan	4 087	Uzbekistan	33
Swaziland	15	Vietnam	4
Sweden	14	Yemen	146
Switzerland	5	Zambia	193
Syria	4 578	Zimbabwe	126
Tajikistan	10	Other/unknown	25
Tanzania	243	Total	54 243

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 30 June 2011.
3. The high number of applications from persons located in Egypt is the result of a surge in self-referred applications, particularly during October and November 2010. These applications were made following a rumour in the local community that Australia was increasing its resettlement of refugees.
4. 1 346 of the persons located in India in 2010–11 and 269 in 2011–12 were Bhutanese and were thus likely located in Nepal. Local practices have coded these persons as located in India.

Table 2b: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by country of residence at time of application, 2011–12 year to date²

Country of residence	Persons	Country of residence	Persons
Afghanistan	482	Malaysia	538
Bangladesh	10	Malta	3
Benin	5	Morocco	8
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7	Netherlands	12
Brazil	19	Nigeria	15
Burundi	10	Norway	1
Cameroon	11	Pakistan	1 733
Chad	6	Qatar	27
China	35	Russia	2
Djibouti	7	Rwanda	3
Egypt	818	Saudi Arabia	24
Eritrea	458	Sierra Leone	4
Ethiopia	88	Somalia	9
Fiji	7	South Africa	43
France	2	South Korea	5
Gambia	9	Sri Lanka	85
Germany	9	Sudan	2 579
Ghana	60	Sweden	3
Greece	4	Syria	1 148
Guinea	245	Tanzania	25
India	356	Thailand	220
Indonesia	122	Tunisia	98
Iran	605	Turkey	245
Iraq	195	Uganda	180
Israel	6	Ukraine	1
Japan	4	United Arab Emirates	212
Jordan	172	United Kingdom	1
Kenya	510	United States Of America	17
Kuwait	51	Yemen	24
Kyrgyzstan	11	Zambia	7
Lebanon	359	Zimbabwe	12
Liberia	26	Unknown	11
Malawi	56	Total	12 060

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 30 September 2011. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 4 November 2011.

Table 3a: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by country of birth², 2010–11³

Country of birth	Persons	Country of birth	Persons
Afghanistan	7 744	Hungary	1
Albania	1	India	25
Algeria	2	Indonesia	27
Angola	7	Iran	663
Armenia	3	Iraq	8 496
Azerbaijan	4	Jamaica	1
Bahrain	1	Japan	1
Bangladesh	7	Jordan	16
Belarus	1	Kenya	28
Benin	4	Kuwait	115
Bhutan	1 391	Kyrgyzstan	18
Bosnia & Herzegovina	20	Laos	32
Brazil	1	Lebanon	54
Bulgaria	2	Liberia	1 078
Burkina Faso	1	Libya	10
Burma	2 634	Malawi	1
Burundi	291	Malaysia	13
Cameroon	21	Mauritius	4
Canada	2	Mongolia	1
Central African Republic	7	Nepal	12
Chad	66	Niger	3
Chile	1	Nigeria	141
China	97	Pakistan	827
Colombia	7	Palestinian Authority	112
Comoros	2	Philippines	9
Congo	262	Poland	1
Cote D'Ivoire	105	Qatar	5
Croatia	3	Romania	2
Cuba	7	Russia	36
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1 227	Rwanda	224
Djibouti	3	Saudi Arabia	61
Egypt	254	Senegal	8
El Salvador	14	Serbia	8
Eritrea	5 706	Sierra Leone	860
Ethiopia	5 181	Slovenia	3
Fiji	44	Somalia	7 525
Gambia	1	South Africa	5
Georgia	4	South Korea	1
Germany	2	Sri Lanka	604
Ghana	11	Sudan	7 553
Guinea	36	Syria	36
Hong Kong	1	Tanzania	29

Table 3a continued: Persons lodging an application for a refugee or humanitarian visa¹, by country of birth², 2010–11³

Country of birth	Persons	Country of birth	Persons
Thailand	89	Uzbekistan	34
Togo	101	Vietnam	4
Turkey	36	Yemen	11
Uganda	23	Zambia	1
Ukraine	6	Zimbabwe	57
United Arab Emirates	21	Other/unknown	103
United States	3	Total	54 243

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The country of birth of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
3. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 30 June 2011.

Table 3b: Persons lodging an application for a refugee or humanitarian visa¹, by country of birth², 2011–12 year to date³

Country of birth	Persons	Country of birth	Persons
Afghanistan	2 771	Lebanon	17
Austria	1	Liberia	177
Bangladesh	1	Libya	7
Benin	2	Malawi	1
Bhutan	269	Malaysia	3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	8	Morocco	6
Burma	765	Nepal	5
Burundi	55	Niger	2
Cameroon	14	Nigeria	8
Central African Republic	1	Pakistan	209
China	22	Palestinian Authority	3
Colombia	5	Poland	1
Cote D'Ivoire	7	Qatar	3
Croatia	4	Russia	2
Cuba	19	Rwanda	17
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	193	Saudi Arabia	8
Egypt	125	Sierra Leone	163
El Salvador	5	Somalia	795
Eritrea	2 295	Sri Lanka	111
Ethiopia	817	Sudan	607
Fiji	7	Syria	122
France	4	Tajikistan	2
Ghana	4	Tanzania	1
Guinea	6	Thailand	13
Honduras	2	Togo	13
Hungary	1	Turkey	11
Indonesia	10	Uganda	3
Iran	198	Ukraine	4
Iraq	2 021	United Arab Emirates	1
Japan	7	United States	1
Jordan	1	Yemen	3
Kenya	7	Zimbabwe	11
Kuwait	75	Other/unknown	3
Kyrgyzstan	5	Total	12 060

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The country of birth of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
3. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 30 September 2011. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 4 November 2011.

Table 4: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by age at time of lodgement, 2010–11 and 2011–12 year to date²

Age	Program year of lodgement		Total
	2010–11	2011–12 YTD	
<1	549	127	676
1-4	4 983	1 192	6 175
5-9	6 526	1 632	8 158
10-14	6 679	1 624	8 303
15-19	6 841	1 569	8 410
20-24	5 642	1 143	6 785
25-29	5 420	1 136	6 556
30-34	4 752	889	5 641
35-39	4 007	791	4 798
40-44	2 722	599	3 321
45-49	1 920	423	2 343
50-54	1 440	341	1 781
55-59	893	217	1 110
60-64	619	111	730
65-69	394	85	479
70-74	222	60	282
75+	242	54	296
Unknown	392	67	459
Total	54 243	12 060	66 303

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 30 September 2011. Data for the 2010–11 was extracted from departmental systems on 30 June 2011. Data for the 2011–12 program year was extracted from departmental systems on 4 November 2011.

Table 5: Persons lodging an application for a humanitarian visa¹, by sex, 2010–11 and 2011–12 year to date²

Sex	Program year of lodgement		Total
	2010–11	2011–12 YTD	
Male	26 345	5 864	32 209
Female	27 879	6 193	34 072
Unknown	19	3	22
Total	54 243	12 060	66 303

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
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