

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE12/0240) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

SkillSelect: What are the top ten nationalities for EOIs submitted? What are the top ten nationalities invitations to apply have been issued to?

*Answer:*

The top ten nationalities for EOIs submitted to 31 October 2012 were India (4951), UK (1951), China (1800), Pakistan (1006), Philippines (845), Iran (580), Sri Lanka (540), Malaysia (514), Ireland (507) and Bangladesh (420).

The top ten nationalities for invitations issued to 31 October 2012 were India (1487), China (637), UK (543), Pakistan (302), Iran (201), Malaysia (194), Philippines (190), Sri Lanka (183), Ireland (159) and Bangladesh (126).