

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0261) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 54) asked:

From the Department's 2011-12 Annual Report at p. 131 - non-IMA protection visa applications were 7,036 and IMA refugee status determination requests received were 7,379. Is this the first time that IMA applications for protection have been higher than non-IMA applications?

Answer:

Yes.