

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0268) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 77) asked:

In relation to Sri Lankan IMAs, provide a breakdown by profile (how many are Tamils, Sinhalese, et cetera) and where they come from in Sri Lanka.

Answer:

The very detailed information sought is not readily available in consolidated form and it would be a major task to collect and assemble it. The considerable resources required to collate the information cannot be justified.

Annual and quarterly figures for Protection visa grant and refusal rates for IMAs and non-IMAs are published on the DIAC website at:

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/files/asylum-trends-aus-annual-2010-11.pdf>