

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0277) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many offshore refugee and humanitarian visas have been granted in 2011-12 for the following visas sub classes – 200, 201, 202, 203, 204? How many are planned for 2012-13 for each of these sub classes by country of origin, gender and age.

Answer:

6718 persons were granted an offshore humanitarian visa during the 2011-12 program year. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of visas granted by visa subclass.

Table 1: Persons granted an offshore humanitarian visa, by visa subclass, for 2011–12

Visa category	Persons
Refugee	
200 (Refugee)	5140
201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program)	43
203 (Emergency Rescue)	0
204 (Woman at Risk)	821
Total Refugee	6004
Humanitarian	
202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program)	714
Total	6718

The 2012–13 Humanitarian Program has been increased to 20 000 places, comprising 12 000 places for Refugee category visas with the balance to be shared between the Special Humanitarian Program category and humanitarian visas granted onshore.

The Humanitarian Program does not have planning levels for subclasses 200, 201, 202 or 203, nor is the Program planned by country of origin, gender or age.

The target for Woman at Risk visas (subclass 204) has been maintained at 12 per cent of total Refugee category visas.