

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0278) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many onshore protection visas have been granted in 2011-12 for the IMAs and non IMAs? How many are planned for 2012-13 for IMAs and non-IMAs by country of origin, gender and age.

Answer:

Annual and quarterly figures for Protection visa applications are published on the DIAC website at:

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

Updates will be released at the end of each quarter once data is collated.

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 by country of origin, gender or age.