

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0306) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Has the department assessed any applications from IMA's for complementary protection? How many have satisfied that criteria and been given a permanent protection visa and over what period of time? Have any assessments against complementary protection criteria been refused?

Answer:

All applications for protection assessed after 24 March 2012 have had complementary protection criteria considered where the applicant did not engage Australia's *non-refoulement* obligations under the Refugees Convention. The department is unable to report separately as to whether a grant comes from meeting the criteria in the Refugees Convention or complementary protection obligations due to the small number of grants. When the numbers are statistically relevant they will be published on the DIAC website at:

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