

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0676) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 59) asked:

How many asylum seekers have been resettled from the areas bordering Afghanistan? Which areas have they come from? Provide a split of the numbers of people who have come under the special humanitarian program and the refugee program.

Answer:

During the 2011-12 program year 657 humanitarian visas were granted to persons in Pakistan and Iran. Table 1 provides a breakdown by location and visa category.

Table 1: Persons in the areas bordering Afghanistan granted a Refugee and Humanitarian visa by location and visa category in 2011-12

Location	Visa Category		Total
	Refugee	SHP	
Pakistan	121	178	299
Iran	321	37	358
Total	442	215	657

Notes:

1. Visa applications counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 04 November 2012.