QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0209) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many humanitarian refugee visas have been granted out of Indonesia and Malaysia from the caseload of asylum seekers processed by the UNHCR in the 2009–10 financial year and also the 2010–11 financial year to date?

Answer.

The following tables show the number of Refugee category visas granted under the Humanitarian Program to persons out of Indonesia (at Jakarta post) and Malaysia (at Kuala Lumpur post) by country of birth for the 2009–10 and 2010–11 program years.

Refugee Category visas include:

- Subclass 200 Refugee
- Subclass 201 In-Country Special Humanitarian
- Subclass 203 Emergency Rescue
- Subclass 204 Woman at Risk

Please note that the following tables exclude subclass 202 (Global Special Humanitarian) visa grants as these are not refugee visas.

Post: Jakarta

Program Year	Country of Birth ¹	Subclass 200	Subclass 204	Grand Total
2009–10	Afghanistan	62		62
	Iraq	21		21
	Sri Lanka	16		16
	Iran	5		5
	Burma	1		1
	Indonesia ²	1		1
	Palestinian Authority	2		2
	Cote D'ivoire	1		1
2009-10 Total		109		109
2010–11	Afghanistan	182	8	190
	Iraq	114	4	118
	Sri Lanka	66		66
	Iran	34	5	39
	Burma	28		28
	Somalia	22	4	26
	Congo (ROC)	6		6
	Pakistan	5		5
	Indonesia ²	1		1
	Guinea	1		1
2010-11 Total		459	21	480
Grand Total		568	21	589

¹ The country of birth of primary visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants. For example, where the primary visa applicant was born in Afghanistan but has two children (secondary applicants) born in Pakistan, the country of birth for the secondary visa applicants will be counted as Afghanistan.

Post: Kuala Lumpur

Program Year	Country of Birth ¹	Subclass 200	Subclass 204	Grand Total
2009–10	Burma	332	2	334
	Malaysia	6		6
2009-10 Total		338	2	340
2010–11	Burma	429		429
	Malaysia	7		7
	Afghanistan	20		20
	Iraq	6		6
	Iran	3		3
2010-11 Total		465		465
Grand Total		803	2	805

¹ The country of birth of primary visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants. For example, where the primary visa applicant was born in Afghanistan but has two children (secondary applicants) born in Pakistan, the country of birth for the secondary visa applicants will be counted as Afghanistan.

² Refugee visa granted by Jakarta post to one person born in Indonesia in both 2009–10 and 2010–11 - to a child who was born after the grant of a refugee visa to their parent.