

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE12/0240) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 37) asked:

How many offshore refugee and humanitarian visas have been granted in 2011-12 for the following subclass visas: 200, 201, 202, 203, and 204? And, in relation to each subclass, how many are planned for the 2012-13 financial year?

*Answer:*

As at 31 March 2012, 4,625 persons had been granted an offshore refugee visa during the 2011-12 program year. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of visas granted by visa subclass.

There are 13,750 available places in the Humanitarian Program, inclusive of onshore places. The Government announced on 8 May 2012 that there would be 13,750 places in the Humanitarian Program in 2012-13. The number of grants in each visa subclass for an upcoming year is not planned other than having a 12% target of the total refugee grants for the Woman at Risk category (subclass 204).

**Table 1: Persons granted a humanitarian visa, by visa subclass, 2011–12 year to date**

<b>Visa category</b>	<b>Persons</b>
<b>Refugee</b>	
200 (Refugee)	3934
201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program)	42
203 (Emergency Rescue)	0
204 (Woman at Risk)	649
<b>Total Refugee</b>	<b>4625</b>
<b>Humanitarian</b>	
202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program)	655
<b>Total</b>	<b>5280</b>
<b>Notes:</b> The 2011-12 program year to date is to 31 March 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 08 June 2012.	