

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(47) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

1. What is the total number of asylum seekers that have been granted permanent residence currently?
2. What is the total of all former TPV holders who have now been granted permanent protection?
3. How many asylum seekers have been refused permanent protection visas and are currently on removal pending visas?
4. How many asylum seekers have now been issued with another temporary protection visa?
5. How many cases still have as yet to be decided?
6. How many asylum seekers are there currently remaining on Temporary Protection Visas – including the arrivals from Nauru (3 and 5 year) and release from Baxter since 17 June?
7. How many former detainees are currently on Bridging Visas?

Answer:

1. DIMIA records as at 4 November 2005 indicate that 3385 initial protection visa applicants were granted permanent protection visas between 1 July 2000 and 4 November 2005.
2. As at 4 November 2005, an additional 7803 permanent protection visas were granted between 1 July 2000 and 4 November 2005 to temporary protection visa (TPV) or temporary humanitarian visa (THV) grantees as a result of applications for further protection.
3. As at 4 November 2005, 75 persons were on return pending visas in effect.
4. As at 4 November 2005, 105 applicants for further protection have been granted a further TPV.
5. As at 4 November 2005, 766 applications for further protection have not received a primary outcome, including applications from those who have not held these visas for 30 or 54 months and accordingly are not yet eligible for further permanent visas.
6. As at 4 November 2005 there were some 1560 TPV and 535 THV holders in Australia.
7. As at midnight on 5 December 2005, 930 former detainees hold subclass 050 bridging visa E visas, 136 hold subclass 010 bridging visa A visas, 50 hold subclass 030 bridging visa C visas, 26 hold bridging visa R visas, 22 hold subclass 051 bridging visa E visas, and 11 former detainees hold subclass 020 bridging visa B visas.

This represents a total number of 1,175 former detainees who are currently on bridging visas.