

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0214) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many humanitarian and refugee visas have been granted out of Indonesia and Malaysia from the caseload of asylum seekers processed by the UNHCR in the 2010-2011 financial year and in the year to date? What nationalities were they?

Answer:

We do not have data for visas granted following referral by UNHCR however, most persons granted refugee visas would have been processed and referred by the UNHCR. The tables below reflect all refugee visa grants by the Australian Embassy, Jakarta, and the Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur in 2010-11 and 2011-12 to date.

Table 1: Persons granted a refugee visa¹, by selected post of grant and country of birth², 2010–11 and 2011–12 year to date³

Country of birth	Program year of grant		Total
	2010–11	2011–12 YTD	
<i>Jakarta</i>			
Afghanistan	190	16	206
Burma	28	0	28
Congo	6	0	6
Guinea	1	0	1
Indonesia ⁴	1	0	1
Iran	39	5	44
Iraq	118	4	122
Pakistan	5	0	5
Somalia	26	1	27
Sri Lanka	66	0	66
<i>Jakarta Total</i>	480	26	506

Table 1 continued: Persons granted a refugee visa¹, by selected post of grant and country of birth², 2010–11 and 2011–12 year to date³

Country of birth	Program year of grant		Total
	2010–11	2011–12 YTD	
<i>Kuala Lumpur</i>			
Afghanistan	20	18	38
Burma	429	348	777
Iran	3	0	3
Iraq	6	0	6
Malaysia ⁵	7	2	9
<i>Kuala Lumpur Total</i>	465	368	833
TOTAL	945	394	1339

1. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The country of birth of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
3. The 2011–12 program year to date is to 30 September 2011. Data for the 2010–11 was extracted from departmental systems on 30 June 2011. Data for the 2011–12 program year was extracted from departmental systems on 4 November 2011.
4. The person born in Indonesia and granted in Jakarta was a child born after their Iraqi-born parents were granted a visa, but prior to their parents' departure from Indonesia.
5. The seven persons born in Malaysia and granted a visa in Kuala Lumpur in 2010–11 belong to one case with the principal visa applicant being the Malaysian-born spouse of one of the Burmese-born secondary applicants. The two persons granted visas in 2011–12 who were born in Malaysia were children born after their Burmese-born parents were granted a visa, but prior to their parents' departure from Malaysia.