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Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Migration Amendment (2026 Measures No. 1) Bill 2026

10 March 2026

QoN Number: 1

Subject: Offshore humanitarian visas for people from Iran

Asked by: David Shoebridge

Question:

Senator Shoebridge: Thank you. So, to go back to the 7,200. Iranians who have been issued a temporary visa and this could apply to do I understand your proposition is you want to prevent them coming onshore here so that they can put an onshore visa application asylum visa application in. But if they wanted protection, they should put an offshore humanitarian visa application in. Is that what's intended?

Andrew Kiley: Yes, Senator.

Senator Shoebridge: The most recent data from Home Affairs website is from 23-24. And there were so few offshore humanitarian visas granted to people from Iran that it got that less than five.

Response there were less than five. Do you have data more current data for offshore humanitarian visas for people from Iran?

Andrew Kiley: I've got on hand numbers. I don't have recent grant data. I've got on hand numbers.

Senator Shoebridge: Alright. Well on hand might be one small part of it, but obviously for people it's those that are granted which is a far more meaningful number. We have, I think, very limited capacity for questions on notice.

Answer:

Offshore Humanitarian (Class XB) grants for Iranian Nationals

2024-25 program year: **120**

2025-26 as at 28 February 2026: **108**