

Question on notice no. 388

Portfolio question number: AE21-388

2020-21 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 March 2021—

In the last financial year, how many visas in the family migration stream were granted to applicants sponsored by a person who:

- a. the Department considers to be an "unauthorised maritime arrival"?
- b. holds a protection visa?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.2: Migration

AE21-388 - Visas granted in family migration stream

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Answer:

a. Statistics on Family visas granted to applicants sponsored by Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) cannot be disaggregated from Departmental systems.

b. In 2019-20, a total of 127 Family stream (first and second stage Partner, Prospective Marriage, Contributory Parent, and Child) visas were granted where the sponsor was the current holder of a permanent Protection (subclass 866) visa, or a non-citizen who formerly held a subclass 866 visa.

In 2020-21 as at 31 March 2021, a total of 158 Family stream (first and second stage Partner, Prospective Marriage, Contributory Parent, and Child) visas have been granted where the sponsor was the current holder of a permanent Protection visa, or a non-citizen who formerly held a subclass 866 visa.