

Question on notice no. 1

Portfolio question number: AE22-001

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

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Senator KITCHING: In terms of the issuance of the 449-yes.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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**Home Affairs Portfolio
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Program 2.3: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

**AE22-001 - Subclass 449 visa grants on a month by month basis since the
Afghanistan evacuation**

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Answer:

Afghanistan Subclass 449 Humanitarian Stay Visa grants by month

Month	Total
August	4,725
September	837
October	292
November	942
December	477
January	164
February	68
Total	7,505

Notes:

1. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from Departmental systems on 14 February 2022. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.
2. Reporting includes subclass 449 visa grantees that may have continued traveling onto other countries (e.g. New Zealand).
3. 449 grantees included in the reporting may have an active application being processed for a Non-Humanitarian visa.
4. Subclass 449 visas granted from 18 November 2021 include:
 - a. extensions of visas for applicants onshore by way of a secondary grant,
 - b. a secondary visa granted to applicants offshore where their visa had expired before travel, and
 - c. applicants offshore granted their first subclass 449 visa upon approval from the Minister.Departmental systems do not allow for reporting on these groups separately.
5. The table provided reports on processing activity, not people granted a visa. Where an applicant has been granted multiple subclass 449 visas, each instance is counted in the table provided. *Note:* in order to capture data for people granted a visa rather than by processing activity would take a substantial amount of manual manipulation of data and a significant amount of time to determine. This was not possible within the timeframes of this response.