Question on notice no. 123

Portfolio question number: AE22-123

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022 —

Please provide the Committee with the number of humanitarian visa holders currently overseas by country of residence, visa subclass and program year of grant. Please indicate how many of these were referred by the UNHCR.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.3: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

AE22-123 - Humanitarian visas - UNHCR referrals

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Answer:

Due to border measures initiated to protect the Australian community from the spread of COVID-19, humanitarian visa holders were not able to travel to Australia unless granted a travel exemption. Since 15 December 2021, fully vaccinated Class XB visa holders have been able to travel.

Class XB visa holders offshore by Subclass and Program Year of grant (as at 31 January 2022)

Subclass	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	Total
Subclass 200 (Refugee)	1,466	990	1,340	**3,796**
Subclass 201 (In–country Special Humanitarian)	859	182	86	**1,127**
Subclass 202 (Special Humanitarian Program)	797	1,014	874	**2,685**
Subclass 203 (Emergency Rescue)	7	0	15	**22**
Subclass 204 (Woman at Risk)	342	206	155	**703**
Total	**3,471**	**2,392**	**2,470**	**8,333**

The Department is unable to identify the current location of visa holders who are outside of Australia.

   a. Of the 8,333 applicants reported in the above table, 3,714 were referred by UNHCR.

Notes:

1.   This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems on 01 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.