

Question on notice no. 82

Portfolio question number: AE22-082

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

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.2: Visas

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Answer:

Refer to Table A attached.

Table A – Inwards travel exemption requests received and finalised between 1 August 2020 and 14 February 2022, for persons who declared they had applied for or held a Refugee and Humanitarian (Class XB) visa, by top 10 current location countries

Visa Subclass	200 - Refugee		201 - In-country Special Humanitarian		202 - Global Special Humanitarian		203 - Emergency Rescue		204 - Woman at Risk		Total	
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
Jordan	453	41	<5	<5	1,929	27	<5	<5	17	12	2,399	80
Afghanistan	26	8	926	884	16	<5	7	<5	<5	<5	979	892
Lebanon	152	19	<5	<5	611	25	<5	<5	8	8	771	52
Iraq	343	48	198	145	110	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	655	197
Pakistan	35	17	<5	<5	574	302	<5	<5	18	16	629	335
Malaysia	211	40	<5	<5	192	51	<5	<5	97	83	500	174
Thailand	24	15	<5	<5	51	7	39	37	77	57	191	116
Turkey	35	22	<5	<5	128	5	<5	<5	13	12	176	39
India	23	15	<5	<5	104	10	<5	<5	33	27	161	52
Indonesia	23	7	<5	<5	62	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	85	9
Other location	124	85	63	57	180	35	26	25	110	103	503	305
Total	1,449	317	1,190	1,086	3,957	464	72	62	381	322	7,049	2,251

Notes:

- *'Requests' refers to system transactions. An individual may submit more than one request.*
- *Travel exemption data cannot be disaggregated by visa subclass and current location prior to 1 August 2020, when processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemption Portal.*
- *It is not possible to accurately disaggregate visa holders from visa applicants in travel exemption data. Prior to 3 December 2020 visa information was only collected for the main traveller in a request.*
- *Visa status and location data is based on client declared information provided in the submitted travel exemption request form*
- *Received and approved numbers cannot be used to extrapolate approval rates. Individual requests may not be received and finalised during the same period.*