

Question on notice no. 407

Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally: asked the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs on 20 August 2019—

With reference to asylum seekers.

1. Between 1 July 2014 and 19 August 2019 how many people have arrived in Australia by boat and made a claim for asylum.
2. Between 1 July 2014 and 19 August 2019 how many people have arrived in Australia by plane and made a claim for asylum.

Answer —

Senator Cash – The Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

IMAs who arrived in Australia from September 2013 are not eligible to lodge a valid permanent protection visa.

From 1 July 2014 to 19 August 2019, 167 Protection visa applications were lodged by persons who entered Australia lawfully through a seaport, such as on a cruise ship, container ship or yacht.

From 1 July 2014 to 31 August 2019, the following number of permanent Protection visa applications were lodged by persons who entered Australia lawfully by air.

- 2014-15 – 8,562 persons
- 2015-16 – 12,673 persons
- 2016-17 – 18,267 persons
- 2017-18 – 27,884 persons
- 2018-19 – 24,520 persons
- 2019 to 31 August 2019 – 4,037 persons

Of the Protection visa applications decided by the Department between 1 July 2014 and 19 August 2019, 62,732 persons (84.2 per cent) were refused.