

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/166) - TPV Progress - Programme 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Administered)**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

How many people have applied for TPVs? Of those, how many people have been granted TPVs?  
How many applications are currently being considered?  
Is assistance given to the applicants? What is the nature of the assistance provided? What assistance is being given to unaccompanied minors?

*Answer:*

Subsequent to the *Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Seekers Caseload) Act 2014* (the RALC Act) receiving Royal Assent in December 2014, 3,390 applications for Temporary protection visas (TPVs) have been lodged by approximately 4,400 Illegal Maritime Arrivals.

As at 10 March 2015, no illegal arrival has yet been granted a TPV since the passage of the RALC Act in December 2014.

Visa applicants may at any time privately engage, including through a pro-bono arrangement, a migration agent or lawyer to assist with their visa application. In addition, all protection visa applicants can find written assistance that is Government funded in the form of the Protection Application Information and Guides available on the department's website.