

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Question No. BE17-098

Senator McKim asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator McKIM: Ms Haddad, I think I am back to you. This is the same cohort and decisions that we were speaking about before. Section 473DD provides, as I understand it, that the IAA must not consider new information unless satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances to justify that consideration. I am sorry; I may have asked you this during my last tranche of questions. Firstly, can you provide the number of decisions made since commencement that have considered new information—either on notice or now would be fine.

Ms Haddad: I will have to see if we keep that data, partly because the question of what new information is part of the decision process, so it may only appear in the reasons for decision.

Senator McKIM: Could I ask you to take that on notice, please, and if possible to break that down by nationality, but obviously if you cannot provide the global figure you will not be able to do that. Thank you for that.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

From the time of first referrals in October 2015 to 30 April 2017, the IAA has made 1,386 decisions. New information was considered in 601 matters (43%). This figure comprises matters in which information was provided to the IAA by applicants and or their representatives, information provided by third parties and information obtained by the IAA of its own accord.

The table below outlines the number of matters in which new information was considered by nationality:

Nationality	Number of matters
AFGHANISTAN	101
ALBANIA	1
BANGLADESH	12
IRAN	104
IRAQ	43
LEBANON	4
MYANMAR	1
NEPAL	3
PAKISTAN	18
SRI LANKA	280

STATELESS*	11
TURKEY	1
VIETNAM	22
TOTAL	601

*The IAA records an applicant's nationality as stated on their application for a protection visa. This may differ from the country of reference noted in our database and against which the refugee assessment is conducted.