

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/469) PROGRAMME –

Senator Wright (Written) asked:

How many children born through surrogacy arrangements have been granted Australian citizenship in the past five years?

- Please provide a breakdown of this figure, in 12 month periods, for the past five years.

- Please provide a breakdown of the countries where these children were born, in 12 month periods, for the past five years.

Answer:

From programme year 2008/09 until the end of programme year 2013/14, the reported number of children born through surrogacy arrangements who have acquired Australian citizenship by descent is 819. Breakdown data is only available for the past three programme years and is as follows:

Country	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Canada	4	2	1
India	227	191	108
Russia		1	
South Africa			4
Thailand	8	23	91
Ukraine	7		2
United Kingdom	1		
USA	19	27	57
Totals	266	244	263

Note: Surrogacy figures rely on manual collection and may be an underestimate as surrogacy may not be declared or detected in all cases.