

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 FEBRUARY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(10) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 41) asked:

Provide the number of people who were removed because that did not qualify for a (Protection) visa and who subsequently reapplied and were granted a (Protection) visa after they had been removed? In which year were they refused a (Protection) visa and in which year were they successful?

Answer:

To provide the information requested would be a major task for my Department as it would first involve attempting to match information about all removals against all records of re-entry to Australia, and then determining if such persons applied for a Protection visa on return to Australia (since an application can only be made onshore).

In view of the significant diversion of departmental resources required for such a task I do not consider the additional work can be justified.