

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (114) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

In 2009-10 financial year and 2010-11 year to date, how many non irregular maritime arrivals sought refugee status in Australia by nationality and country of origin?

*Answer:*

Departmental systems record Protection visa applicants by citizenship rather than country of origin. The following tables set out Protection visa lodgements by non-IMAs during 2009-10 and 2010-11 to 25 February 2011.

Citizenship	2009-10
China (PRC)	1288
Fiji	559
Iran	376
Zimbabwe	371
Pakistan	342
Sri Lanka	327
India	301
Malaysia	254
Iraq	221
Egypt	206
Other	1733
<b>Total</b>	<b>5978</b>

Citizenship	2010-11 to 25 February 2011
China (PRC)	751
Pakistan	310
India	305
Egypt	296
Fiji	248
Iran	246
Malaysia	156
Iraq	151
Indonesia	132
Lebanon	131
Other	1301
<b>Total</b>	<b>4027</b>

Note: All figures relating to 2009-10 are as officially revised at the end of 2009-10 (data extracted from DIAC systems on 2 July 2010). Figures relating to 2010-11 are provisional (data extracted on 25 February 2011).

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