

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0245) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 63) asked:

Of the 20,500 individual people whose special humanitarian applications have not yet been decided, provide a breakdown by program year of application dates.

Answer:

As at 31 December 2011, there were 20,702 persons awaiting a decision on their Special Humanitarian Program visa application. Table 1 below shows the program year in which these persons lodged their applications with the Department.

Table 1: Persons awaiting a decision under the Special Humanitarian Program by program year of lodgement at 31 December 2011

Program year of lodgement	Special Humanitarian Program (SHP)
2008–09 and earlier	725
2009–10	3,331
2010–11	7,589
2011–12	9,057
Total	20,702

Data was extracted from departmental systems on 06 February 2012.