

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0500) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

How many people who have been given Protection Visas in the past 12 or 24 months have applied for some form (of) family reunion under (the) Special Humanitarian Visa?

*Answer:*

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 4766 people were proposed under the Special Humanitarian Program by an immediate family member<sup>1</sup> who had previously been granted a Protection visa – subclass 866.

For the period 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012, 6321 people were proposed under the Special Humanitarian Program by an immediate family member who had previously been granted a Protection visa – subclass 866.

Data was extracted from Departmental systems on 5 March 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> An immediate family member of the proposer includes their spouse, dependent children, or where the proposer is aged under 18 years, their parents and parents' dependent children.