

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(153) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay**

Senator Ludwig asked:

Of the TPVs that expired within the previous 12 months:

- a. How many were there in total?
- b. How many TPV holders were returned, and to which country?
- c. How many TPV holders were provided a permanent protection visa, and from which country did they originate?
- d. Awarded another TPV, and from which country did they originate?

*Answer:*

- a. Where a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) holder applies for a further protection visa before the expiry date of their TPV, the TPV status can continue until the application is finally determined.

DIMA records as at 9 June 2006 indicate that 198 TPV grantees in Australia reached the 3 year point, since the grant of their TPV, within the last 12 months.

- b. TPV holders are not removed from Australia as they are the holders of a visa.
- c. Of the 198 TPV grantees in (a) above, 136 were granted a permanent protection visa as at 9 June 2006. The breakdown by nationality is provided in the following table. Nationalities, where there are fewer than 10 TPV grantees, have been aggregated and the number of nationalities is shown in brackets.

Nationality	Number of TPV grantees granted permanent protection visa
IRAQ	82
AFGHANISTAN	25
IRAN	15
OTHER (6)	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>

Source: ICSE extract of 9 June 2006

- d. Of the 198 TPV grantees in (a) above, 2 were granted a further TPV as at 9 June 2006. For privacy reasons, the citizenship of these 2 TPV grantees is not provided.