

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(42) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Parry (L&C 75-76) asked:

How many humanitarian refugee visas have been granted out of Indonesia and Malaysia from the caseload of asylum seekers processed by the UNHCR from 2008–09 until the year to date. What nationalities were they? What type of visa were they given?

Answer:

The following tables show the number of Refugee category¹ visas granted under the Humanitarian Program to persons in Indonesia and Malaysia by country of birth for the period 1 July 2008 (the beginning of the 2008–09 Program year) to 31 May 2010.

Post: Jakarta

Country of birth	Number of Refugee category¹ visas granted (1 July 2008 to 31 May 2010)
Afghanistan	69
Iraq	34
Sri Lanka	16
Iran	5
Indonesia ²	1
Pakistan	1
Total	126

All granted Subclass 200 – Refugee visas.

Post: Kuala Lumpur

Country of birth	Number of Refugee category¹ visas granted (1 July 2008 to 31 May 2010)
Burma	688
Malaysia ³	6
Indonesia ⁴	1
Total	695

All granted Subclass 200 – Refugee visas

¹ Refugee category visas include:

- Subclass 200 – Refugee
- Subclass 201 – In-Country Special Humanitarian
- Subclass 203 – Emergency Rescue
- Subclass 204 – Woman at Risk

² Refugee visa granted by Jakarta post to person born in Indonesia is for the dependant of the main applicant who satisfied refugee criteria.

³ Refugee visas granted by Kuala Lumpur post to persons born in Malaysia are for the dependants of main applicants who satisfied refugee criteria.

⁴ Refugee visa granted by Kuala Lumpur post to person born in Indonesia is for the dependant of a Refugee visa holder under the “split family” provisions.