

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(99) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett (L&C 71) asked:

How many Afghanis and Sri Lankans have been issued visas by Australia at overseas posts in the past year? Can you advise which posts, what kind of visas were issued?

Answer:

In the 2009-10 program year to 31 May 2010, 1,155 visas were issued to Afghan nationals at 19 overseas posts.

In the same period, 12,624 visas were issued to Sri Lankan nationals at 44 overseas posts.

The attached tables provide a breakdown of visa types across the overseas network.