

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0249) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 39) asked:

In terms of the refugees being referred to us from Malaysia – do we know what their countries of origin were? Provide a breakdown.

Answer:

During the 2011-12 program year to 31 March 2012, 1014 persons were granted a humanitarian visa at the Post in Kuala Lumpur. Table 1 provides a breakdown of these persons by country of birth.

Table 1: Persons granted a humanitarian visa at the Post in Kuala Lumpur, by country of birth, 2011–12 year to 31 March 2012.

Country of birth	Persons
Afghanistan	18
Burma	962
Iran	1
Iraq	19
Kuwait	5
Malaysia	9
Total	1014

Notes:

1. Visa applications counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
2. The 2011-12 program year to date is to 31 March 2012. Data was extracted from departmental systems on 08 June 2012.
3. The nine persons born in Malaysia are children who were born after their parents received a visa but prior to their departure from Malaysia and who were thus required to lodge their own application.