

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0274) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA written) asked:

Has the department assessed any applications from IMAs for complementary protection since March 24? How many have satisfied that criteria and been given a permanent protection visa and over what period of time? Have any assessments against complementary protection criteria been refused?

Answer:

Yes. From 24 March 2012 all asylum seekers in the protection assessment process have had their claims assessed against complementary protection criteria as well as against the Refugees Convention.

The short time period between 24 March 2012 and the most recently available statistics (for the June quarter) means that figures are not yet available at this time.