

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES: November 2004

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(21) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

On the 30th June 2004, what was the total number of Protection Visa applicants in Australia and in each state and territory who had been granted a Bridging Visa?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) systems do not enable the statistical reporting requested on the numbers of PV applicants who have Bridging Visas in effect.

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(22) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

Of these Protection Visa applicants as of 30th June 2004 with Bridging Visas:

- (a) How many have applied to be granted Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) income support in Australia and in each state and territory?
- (b) How many have received income support through the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) in Australia and in each state and territory?
- (c) How many had applied for work rights in Australia and in each state and territory?
- (d) How many had received work rights in Australia and in each state and territory?
- (e) How many had no access to ASAS income support or work rights in Australia and in each state and territory?
- (f) How many are unaccompanied minors?
- (g) How many have been granted Bridging Visa As, Bridging Visa Bs, Bridging Visa Cs, Bridging Visa Ds and Bridging Visa Es?

Answer:

For reasons stated in question (21), DIMIA systems cannot provide the statistical reporting requested on Bridging Visa holders.

- (a) The ASAS is administered by the Australian Red Cross (ARC) under an agreement with the Commonwealth. ARC systems do not provide consolidated reports on the number of persons who have applied for ASAS income support.
- (b) The total number of persons in receipt of ASAS income support as at 30 June 2004 was:

State	Cases	Persons
ACT	4	8
NSW	45	96
VIC	116	273
NT	1	2
QLD	3	12
SA	8	18
WA	7	9
TAS	0	0
Total	184	418

(c)-(e) Departmental systems are unable to provide consolidated statistics on this matter.

(f) There were no unaccompanied minors receiving ASAS assistance as at 30 June 2004.

(g) Departmental systems are unable to provide consolidated statistics on this matter.

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(23) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicants have been released from detention on Bridging Visas with any other (not ASAS) income support assistance from the government in Australia and in each state and territory?

Answer:

During 2004 (to 30 June), six families involving 14 persons have received financial assistance from the Government after being released from immigration detention on Bridging Visa E (subclass 051). This subclass of Bridging Visa E requires adequate care arrangements to be in place before a visa can be granted.

Where there are significant ongoing costs such as medical and pharmaceutical expenses, the Department examines, on a case-by-case basis, requests to contribute to these costs to ensure the proper welfare of those persons.

The geographic distribution of those released referred to in this answer during 2004 (to 30 June) on Bridging Visa E (subclass 051) is:

State	Cases	Persons
NSW	2	3
SA	1	4
WA	3	7

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Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicants have been released from detention by order of the court (habeas corpus or interlocutory orders) in Australia and in each state and territory?

Answer:

From 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2004, 28 former PV applicants had been released from detention by order of the courts (either habeas corpus or interlocutory release).

The geographic distribution of those released by order of the courts was:

Court Jurisdiction	Persons
NSW	10
VIC	5
SA	10
WA	3

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(25) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicants in Australia and in each state and territory have expired Bridging Visa and how many have been detained after the expiry of their Bridging Visa?

Answer:

The Department normally collects data on those who are unlawful or in breach of visa conditions, and has information about cases that come to our notice. However, analysis of the data based on the type of visa applied for, such as a PV, is necessarily complex and not readily available.

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(26) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicants in Australia and in each state and territory have been detained for breaching their visa conditions? What types of breaches occurred and what were the 5 most common breaches?

Answer:

The Department normally collects data on those who are unlawful or in breach of visa conditions, and has information about cases that come to our notice. However, analysis of the data based on the type of visa applied for, such as a PV, is necessarily complex and not readily available.

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(27) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicants are eligible for Medicare in Australia and in each state and territory?

Answer.

Departmental systems are unable to provide consolidated statistics on this matter.

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(28) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicants are eligible for the ASAS General Health Scheme in Australia and in each state and territory?

Answer:

Persons who have been approved for income support under the ASAS are eligible for the General Health Care component of the Scheme. Refer to table in question 22(b).

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(29) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

As of 30th June 2004, how many Protection Visa applicant minors have no right to Medicare or the ASAS General Health Scheme in Australia and in each state and territory?

Answer:

Departmental systems are unable to provide consolidated statistics on this matter.

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(30) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

What system is in place to ensure that adequate information is provided to PV applicants with Bridging Visas regarding eligibility for ASAS and work rights?

Answer.

Information on eligibility for assistance under the ASAS is available in Departmental Fact Sheets, the DIMIA Website and in relevant standard letters to applicants. The ARC also advertises the scheme through its Annual Report and Website. Migration Agents and community organisations are aware of the Scheme and regularly refer potential clients to the ARC for determination of their eligibility to access assistance under the Scheme.