

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(31) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&C 70) asked:

How many unauthorised air arrivals applied for Protection Visas in 2008-09?

Answer:

Reliable data on the number of unauthorised air arrivals (as distinct from authorised arrivals) who apply for a Protection visa is no longer available due to changes to DIAC systems. In recent years, the magnitude had been recorded as in the order of about 100 per year out of total initial applications of more than 3000 each year.