QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(223) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many humanitarian refugee visas have been granted out of Indonesia and Malaysia from the caseload of asylum seekers processed by the UNHCR in the 2009–10 financial year and also the 2010–11 financial year to date? What nationalities were they? What type of visas have they been given?

Answer.

The following tables show the number of Refugee category¹ visas granted under the Humanitarian Program to persons in Indonesia and Malaysia by country of birth for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

Post: Jakarta

| Country of birth | 2009–10 Humanitarian Program |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Afghanistan | 62 |
| Iraq | 21 |
| Sri Lanka | 16 |
| Iran | 5 |
| Palestinian Authority | 2 |
| Burma | 1 |
| Indonesia ² | 1 |
| Cote D'Ivoire | 1 |
| Total | 109 |

All granted Subclass 200 – Refugee visas.

Post: Kuala Lumpur

| Country of birth | 2009–10 Humanitarian Program |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Burma | 334 |
| Malaysia ³ | 6 |
| Total | 340 |

All granted Subclass 200 – Refugee visas

The following tables show the number of Refugee category¹ visas granted under the Humanitarian Program to persons in Indonesia and Malaysia by country of birth for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 September 2010.

Post: Jakarta

| Country of birth | 2010–11 Humanitarian Program YTD (to 30 September 2010) |
|------------------|---|
| Congo | 6 |
| Total | 6 |

All granted Subclass 200 - Refugee visas.

Post: Kuala Lumpur

| Country of birth | 2010–11 Humanitarian Program YTD (to 30 September 2010) |
|------------------|---|
| Burma | 43 |
| Total | 43 |

All granted Subclass 200 - Refugee visas.

- Subclass 200 Refugee
- Subclass 201 In-Country Special Humanitarian
- Subclass 203 Emergency Rescue
- Subclass 204 Woman at Risk

¹ Refugee category visas include:

² Refugee visa granted by Jakarta post to person born in Indonesia is for the dependant of the main applicant who satisfied refugee criteria.

³ Refugee visas granted by Kuala Lumpur post to persons born in Malaysia are for the dependants of main applicants who satisfied refugee criteria.