

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(240) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

In 2009/10 financial year and 2010/11 year to date, how many non irregular maritime arrivals sought refugee status in Australia by nationality and country of origin?

Answer:

Departmental systems record Protection visa applicants by citizenship rather than country of origin. The following tables set out Protection visa lodgements by non-IMAs during 2009-10 and 2010-11 (to 26 November 2010).

Citizenship	2009-10
China (PRC)	1295
Fiji	563
Iran	378
Zimbabwe	377
Pakistan	348
Sri Lanka	328
India	300
Malaysia	257
Iraq	223
Egypt	207
Indonesia	178
Lebanon	158
Afghanistan	113
Nepal	93
Bangladesh	87
Burma	77
Turkey	76
Philippines	74
Korea, South	72
Colombia	47
Other	739
Total	5990

Citizenship	2010-11 to 26 November 2010
China (PRC)	472
India	187
Pakistan	181
Egypt	166
Fiji	160
Iran	139
Malaysia	109
Iraq	102
Lebanon	87
Indonesia	78
Zimbabwe	73
Nepal	65
Sri Lanka	64
Turkey	53
Vietnam	43
Afghanistan	40
Bangladesh	39
Papua New Guinea	37
Burma	28
Philippines	25
Other	350
Total	2498

Note: These figures were revised as at 26 November 2010 to include the latest information, including changes arising from late reporting and data cleansing. The figures therefore may differ from statistics previously published.