

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(64) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 59) asked:

How many offshore applications for visas were made under our refugee and humanitarian program in 2009–10, by post and by nationality group?

Answer:

In 2009-10 there were 47 122 applications made for visas under the offshore component of Australia's Humanitarian Program. This included applications for Refugee (subclass 200), In-Country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian (subclass 202), Emergency Rescue (subclass 203) and Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visas.

These applications were lodged at the following posts and Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centres (OHPCs):

Post	Applications	Post	Applications
NSW OHPC ¹	16 247	Suva	53
Victorian OHPC ¹	11 887	Santiago De Chile	33
Cairo	3 324	Ho Chi Minh City	18
Dubai	3 056	Rangoon	14
Nairobi	2 438	Seoul	12
Bangkok	1 757	Athens	10
New Delhi	1 755	Moscow	9
Pretoria	1 705	Hanoi	6
Kuala Lumpur	1 059	Hong Kong, SAR of the PRC	5
Amman	1 026	Auckland	4
Colombo	476	Guangzhou	4
Jakarta	426	Belgrade	3
Ankara	423	Shanghai	3
Berlin	329	Dili	2
Tehran	307	Singapore	2
Beirut	295	London	1
Beijing	174	Manila	1
Dhaka	165	Port Moresby	1
Washington	92	Total	47 122

¹ Applicants residing in Africa or the Middle East (including South West Asia) who are proposed for entry by an Australian relative, friend or community organisation are required to lodge their applications at the:

- NSW Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre for applicants in Africa; and
- Victorian Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre for applicants in the Middle East and South West Asia.

These applications were submitted by people born in the following countries:

Country of Birth	Applications	Country of Birth	Applications
Afghanistan	9 577	Libya	10
Iraq	7 532	U.S.S.R	9
Sudan	4 980	United Arab Emirates	9
Eritrea	4 311	Central African Republic	8
Ethiopia	4 221	Colombia	8
Somalia	3 009	Ghana	8
Burma (Myanmar)	2 804	Malawi	8
Liberia	2 237	Chad	7
Sierra Leone	1 881	Malaysia	7
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	1 230	Saudi Arabia	7
Sri Lanka	786	Albania	6
Bhutan	673	Armenia	6
Congo, Republic of the	608	Nepal	6
Iran	605	Senegal	6
Burundi	315	Mexico	5
Pakistan	286	Tibet (so stated)	5
Nigeria	266	Algeria	4
Rwanda	241	Jordan	4
Togo	158	Madagascar	4
China, People's Republic of	154	Romania	4
Cote D'Ivoire	140	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3
Kuwait	83	Japan	3
Thailand	82	Mali	3
Zimbabwe	72	Namibia	3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	59	Stateless	3
Egypt, Arab Republic of	57	United Kingdom	3
Guinea	53	Unknown	3
Palestinian Authority	46	Yemen	3
Vietnam	37	Angola	2
Turkey	36	Austria	2
Haiti	33	Azerbaijan	2
Uganda	31	Germany (so stated)	2
Cameroon	29	Germany, Federal Republic of	2
Lebanon	27	Kyrgyzstan	2
Fiji	24	Mauritania	2
Syria	24	Bulgaria	1
Cuba	22	Central America (so stated)	1
Kenya	22	England	1
Indonesia	21	Finland	1
El Salvador	20	Italy	1
Bangladesh	17	Kazakhstan	1
China (so stated)	15	Montserrat	1
Djibouti	15	Papua	1
Croatia	14	Philippines	1
Peru	14	Singapore	1
India	13	South Africa, Republic of	1
Russian Federation	13	Turkmenistan	1
Lao, People's Democratic Republic	12	Ukraine	1
Tanzania	12	United States of America	1
Niger	11	Zambia	1
Kosovo	10	Total	47 122