

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (SE12/0208) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 47) asked:

For 2011-12, provide the number of visitor visa applications, the grant rates and the rejection rates for citizens from Afghanistan, Burma, Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Rwanda, Somalia, Sri Lanka and Sudan.

*Answer:*

The requested Visitor visa data is provided in the table below. Visitor visas available to the specified nationalities include the Tourist (Subclass 676) visa, the Sponsored Family Visitor (Subclass 679) visa and the Business (Short Stay) (Subclass 456) visa.

The grant rate is the number of grants expressed as a percentage of the total number of decisions (grants plus refusals) for the same period. The rejection (or refusal) rate is the inverse of the grant rate.

The number of grants and refusals is not necessarily equal to the number of applications in the same period because some applications may be finalised in a later period.

**Visitor Visas in 2011-12**

<b>Citizenship Country</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Refusals</b>	<b>Grant Rate</b>
Afghanistan	606	202	342	37.1%
Burma	2 310	1 659	549	75.1%
Burundi	35	19	16	54.3%
Eritrea	95	41	49	45.5%
Ethiopia	449	236	217	52.1%
Iran	12 170	8 735	2 920	74.9%
Iraq	1 564	850	715	54.3%
Rwanda	138	99	41	70.7%
Somalia	21	3	21	12.5%
Sri Lanka	17 458	14 618	2 711	84.4%
Sudan	353	163	189	46.3%