

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0238) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Of the refugees who arrived by boat or people seeking refugee designation in 2013 how many were from Indonesia and how many were from Malaysia? How many are expected to be from Malaysia and Indonesia this year, 2013-14?

Answer:

Onshore asylum applications by Indonesian and Malaysian Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs):

In 2012-13, 25 Indonesian nationals and 3 persons habitually resident in Malaysia sought protection after arriving in Australia as IMAs. The department does not project future arrivals on the basis of nationality.

Offshore humanitarian visa applications lodged by persons located in Indonesia and Malaysia in 2012-13¹

Person location ²	Persons
Indonesia	951
Malaysia	1973

In 2013-14, the Department expects similar numbers of offshore humanitarian visa applications to be lodged by persons located in Indonesia and Malaysia as were lodged in 2012-13.

Notes:

1. Data for 2012-13 was extracted from Departmental systems on 30 June 2013.
2. Person location refers to the country in which the applicant was residing during the processing of their application.