



CASE FOR REFUGEES

ANNUAL REPORT

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CASE is a not for profit community legal centre that provides free legal advice, representation and advocacy to refugees, humanitarian visa holders and people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds who live in Western Australia.

Our Vision

CASE for Refugees' vision is to achieve equality, access to justice and a commitment to human rights for refugees.

Our Mission

CASE for Refugees' mission is to provide culturally sensitive legal services to refugees, asylum seekers and persons of concern who are disadvantaged in their access to the legal system. We also provide information and education on refugee issues to interested parties.

Our Values

Human Rights

We believe in the fundamental right of any person to seek and obtain protection from persecution and the right to representation in the pursuit of that protection.

Compassion

We believe in affirming the dignity of each individual, whatever their differences.

Professionalism

We believe in attaining standards of excellence in all we do.

Community

We believe in the value of an inclusive community.

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The organization is governed by a qualified and committed Board of Management which collectively has skills and experience in governance, corporate, administrative and migration law, executive management in government, community and corporate sectors, financial administration and accounting, project management and communications, refugee advocacy and representation and social services.

The Board of Management is responsible for financial and assets management, setting strategic goals and direction, managing stakeholder relationships at the strategic level and managing and supporting the CEO.

Board members are required to be financial members of the organisation and perform their duties on a voluntary basis. They receive no remuneration for their services. Upon appointment, Board members receive induction materials in relation to the structure and strategic plan of the organisation, the Constitution and their responsibilities as Board members. An induction manual is maintained.

Given the limited resources of the organisation, many of the members of the Board volunteer additional time and effort to the work of the organisation, including conducting training for volunteers, preparing funding applications and coordinating fundraising events. We are grateful to the committed individuals who sit on the Board and do this important work. This year we have seen several new arrivals and some departures.

Departures

Nick Veitch – After a two year term, Nick resigned from the CASE Board in March 2013 due to other professional commitments. Nick's accounting and finance experience and enthusiasm was much appreciated during his term and will be missed.

David Markovich – David completed his three year term on the Board on October 2012. We are grateful for David's commitment and hard work during his term, his professional judgement and enthusiasm were highly valued.

Sunili Govinnage – Sunili resigned from her position in March 2013 to move to Jakarta, a central Asian hub for refugees from around the world. She is volunteering for 'SUAKA' a civil society coalition comprising the Jakarta Legal Aid Institute (LBH), the Human Rights Working Group and the Indonesia Legal Aid Foundation (YLBHI). Along with her volunteer work she is doing work with the United Nations Fund for Population. We thank Sunili for her 2 year term and know that she will continue the good fight in Jakarta.

Farid Popal - Farid resigned from his position in November 2012 due to family commitments. We thank Farid for his time and commitment.

Sarah Mateljan – Sarah resigned from her position on the Board in April 2013 after a 2 term. She has moved to Kabul to teach children through an online teaching platform her and her husband created.

Sonja Zivak – Sonja resigned from her position on the Board in November 2012 to coincide with her departure to the United States. As a refugee from Serbia in the 1990's, Sonja's insight into CASE's work and clients was invaluable. We thank her for her time and commitment and look forward to seeing her around CASE upon her return to Australia.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2012/13



Chair - Mary O'Hanlon Creed

Mary has been a lawyer for 17 years practising both in Australia and internationally in construction and infrastructure.

In addition to being a full time mum, she now pursues a variety of voluntary opportunities assisting those who are among the most vulnerable in our society, including children and indigenous people. In her third year on the CASE Board, she has a particular passion for ensuring increased access to justice for refugees.



Vice-Chair - Mike Best

Mike Best is a civil engineer who enjoyed a very successful 24 year career with Wood & Grieve Engineers, a large Perth-based national consultancy. After 9 years as Managing Director and CEO at Wood & Grieve, Mike retired from full-time work in 2012 to pursue other interests. He is now busy with a number of non-executive Board roles in both the commercial and not-for-profit sectors.

Mike joined CASE because he felt deeply concerned about the way refugees and asylum seekers were being portrayed by our politicians and media commentators. He felt that the least we could do was give them a fair hearing within our legal system, which is something he believes CASE is doing really well.



Treasurer - Denise Cork

Denise has a background in Accounting, Finance and Fundraising. She has been involved in a number of not-for-profit organisations and really enjoys the challenges that brings. She is very committed to CASE and the heavy workload they carry as they continue to offer services to very vulnerable people



Secretary - Catherine McComish

Cathy is a contracts and legal consultant at ATCO Oil & Gas. She has been involved with CASE since 2003. She has worked as a volunteer, provided pro bono legal advice while working at Corrs, and was elected to the Board in December 2012. She is passionate about working to protect the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, and hopes that she can contribute to the growing success of CASE in this area.



Member - Dr Anne Mathews

Dr Anne Mathews has extensive experience in teaching and research. She has held a number of senior positions in State Government agencies in the areas of training, science and innovation, Indigenous issues, disability and the environment. Anne is a fellow of Leadership WA, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Australian Institute of Management, Australian Society for Microbiology and the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology.

Anne's passion for addressing social justice issues and improving the lives of refugees, migrants and people from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds attracted her to become a board member of CASE.



Member - Brendan Lobo

Brendan Lobo is an experienced business professional working in the marketing communications profession. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer at Lush TV, a digital marketing communication firm in Perth, Western Australia. He has worked extensively with a number of large corporate multinationals, small and medium business and also a number of not for profits.

Brendan has a passion for driving positive change in the lives of refugees and joined the CASE Board as he sees it as an opportunity to use his skills to help CASE achieve its aims and objectives.



Member - Grant Bayne

Grant is a Chartered Accountant in Australia and South Africa. He has 12 years experience as a finance professional, of which 5 years have been at 'Big Four' Accounting firms. He has been a Board member on three of private companies for five years, at Ububele Holdings he is Chairman of the Audit Committee. The company is a food and agri-chemical company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. He started and ran a successful accounting and tax practice for seven years, is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD), holds a Graduate Diploma In Corporate Governance, Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting, Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Tax and a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR



It has been another rewarding year for the Board of CASE for Refugees. With the rights of asylum seekers and refugees constantly being eroded in Australia, our mission to provide legal services to refugees and asylum seekers has never been more relevant. A good example of this erosion in the past financial year has been that we are now the only country in the world to have excised our mainland borders from our migration zone. Never have some of our most vulnerable people needed the greater access to justice that CASE provides.

With greater need, comes greater expense to run the important services that CASE provides. We are always looking for more funding to meet the unmet need and decrease our waiting lists.

Sustainable funding is an important issue for CASE so that we can move to become less reliant on applying for annual funding. CASE succeeded in obtaining funding to pursue the viability of establishing a private legal enterprise to fund our humanitarian work, which might otherwise be unfunded. This is an exciting potential development for CASE as it will open new avenues for assisting more clients, but also enable CASE to spend less time on constantly pursuing funding opportunities in a very crowded not for profit market.

We have spent most of the last year in our new, much improved premises thanks to the assistance of LotteryWest, Uniting Case West and the Association for the Blind. Greater space has enabled CASE to use our wonderful volunteers more effectively, but also to provide more appropriate spaces when interviewing clients, rather than the metal demountable buildings we previously had.

We said goodbye to some wonderful Board Members who left to pursue amazing opportunities. For instance, Sunili Govinnage is now living in Jakarta assisting asylum seekers in Indonesia. Sarah Mateljan is now in Kabul teaching students through the online platform her and her husband created.

We have welcomed some wonderful new board members who have broadened our historically legally dominated Board to include a greater complement of business management, accounting, corporate governance, strategic management and fundraising. Our thanks go to Mike Best, Dr Anne Matthews, Brendan Lobo, Catherine McComish and Grant Bayne for joining the Board.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Board I thank everyone for their dedicated efforts during the course of the year, and look forward to continuing to work with you all again in support of refugees.

Mary O'Hanlon Creed
Chairperson

REPORT FROM THE CEO



The part of my day that I enjoy the most here at CASE is walking down past our three interview rooms and seeing them all filled with people from so many different parts of the world. As I write this, we currently have four women from the Middle East in one, two African men in another and in the final, an elderly Burmese man. As the clients sit, our dedicated staff work away at the computer and pause every few seconds to use the interpreter to ask another question, clarify another answer. One client is crying, maybe from hope and happiness, maybe from despair after hearing some difficult news that we have delivered. Some are smiling. We are helping all of them in different ways.

Later, a client brings us a cake that he has bought in appreciation for the work we have done for him. We gather in the staff room, share the cake, and hear the story of the work that has been done for the client, the change that we have made for him. To us the work we have done was just part of our day, but to him it is immeasurable. As we do every day at CASE, today we have changed someone's life, we have made a difference. I feel so privileged to work in this multicultural place, to know that this team is helping people settle in Australia in one way or another, whether that be by helping them escape persecution in their home country, helping them be reunited with family or helping with advice on their civil or criminal law problem.

I want to say thank you to all those people who have made this possible, including the Board members, the staff and our loyal band of volunteers. Everyone works incredibly hard and we could not achieve what we achieve every day without the support of all of these people.

"As we do every day at CASE, today we have changed someone's life, we have made a difference."

In 2012/13 we have achieved a great deal. Asylum seekers continue to be a key issue in Australian society and politics and CASE continues not only to work to assist these vulnerable clients but also to advocate for and educate the community. CASE has continued to provide high quality and compassionate legal advice to clients. In this area of law, we are constantly facing law and policy changes and we work hard to keep abreast of these changes so that our clients are well informed. To this end, I thank all of the staff, who are truly one of the most committed bunch of people I know.

Highlights

Perhaps the biggest highlight of the year was our move into UCW premises at Victoria Park in October 2012. Despite the inevitable teething problems, the move was pain free and the new offices are a dream compared to our previous cramped surroundings. We now have 3 interview spaces for clients and each staff member has their own desk! We are immensely grateful to UCW management and staff for accommodating us and for making us feel so welcome.

2012/13 saw CASE turn 10 and we celebrated in style with a gala dinner for 250 people. The dinner was a great success and was a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our achievements over the past 10 years. It was also wonderful to see so many faces from the present and the past come together. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to reflect on where we have come from and where we are now. Further information is available on page 7.

Financial Highlights

Again, this financial year has seen CASE managing the challenges of a tight funding environment. We were very pleased to receive a 3 year funding grant from the Public Purposes Trust. Our United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture and Trauma funding was again successful and we also continue our relationship with Allens Linklater for our interpreter fund.

CASE also implemented a new fundraising initiative this year called 'CPD for a Cause'. This initiative aims to run two Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") seminars a year to the legal profession. We bring together nationally and internationally acclaimed and local speakers to create engaging events. All funds raised come to CASE and help fund our ongoing assistance to those clients most in need. More about this can be found at page 10.

Staff

Our wonderful staff continued their hard work this year. I thank them enormously for their dedication and expertise, both of which are immense. A few new faces have joined us at CASE this year. Keeya-Lee Ayre has joined us as receptionist extraordinaire, Jasmine Rhodes as our generalist solicitor and at the time of writing Helen Pearce as our new Senior Solicitor. Katy Welch also joined us as client liaison officer and job shares with Julie. We welcome them all.

Every year I thank the staff for their hard work and dedication. This year is no exception. They have again worked relentlessly to make sure that our clients receive top notch assistance and support, often (always!) going above and beyond. Our clients are so lucky to have such an amazing bunch of people working for them. Thank you to Keeya, Julie, Katy, Caro, George, Tannaz, Jasmine, Helen, Bill, Bernice, Marti and Gwynneth.

Shayla Strapps
Chief Executive Officer



10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In October 2012, CASE held its 10th birthday dinner in South Perth. 250 people attended and a wonderful time was had by all. The Afghan community cooked a wonderful meal for everyone and as usual, our volunteers all chipped in to help wait tables and wash dishes.

Many previous volunteers, staff and Board members joined us and several clients bravely told their stories to the crowd. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the 10 years of hard work that so many people have given to CASE.





MOVING TO NEW PREMISES

In October 2012 and after searching for about 4 years, CASE finally moved from 245 Stirling Street, Perth to our new premises at 16 Sunbury Street, Victoria Park. We are housed with Uniting Care West and are very grateful to them for the space.

As with most moves, there was the usual stress and challenges that accompanied it, but overall a very smooth transition thanks to the hard work of UCW staff (thanks to Travis Boehm, Lindsay Kell and Stephen Graham) and our Project Manager, George Lowry.

The new premises is much bigger than the last with 3 interview rooms, desks for all staff and spares for volunteers, a large reception area and a staff room. It has wonderful light and room for us all and we are so happy to be here.



"I am very happy with this news and thankful to you for helping me. I knew it would not be possible without your help.

When I contacted you, same time I contacted with two other agencies as well but I did not receive any response from them. But you came out as an angel for me and bring me out of this trouble.

And my visa is more important for me more than my life and you saved it, thanks again."

[sic] CASE client, 2013

CPD FOR A CAUSE

In 2012/13 CASE held its inaugural and second CPD for a Cause seminar. CPD for a Cause is a new initiative of the CASE fundraising committee to help us raise funds by delivering high quality Continuing Professional development seminars to Perth lawyers. Our first seminar in September 2012 had Major Dan Mori, the solicitor who represented David Hicks, as our keynote speaker. Major Mori gave us some wonderful 'war stories' from his time representing David and challenged many of our beliefs and views about the ethics of war, in particular judicial killings.



The feedback from the session was overwhelming and all positive, with attendees asking for another seminar and saying it was the best seminar they have ever attended.

"Brilliant. The Chair and all the speakers were extremely interesting and funny and a joy to listen to! The most awesome CPD!"

"Best CPD ever"

"Thoroughly enjoyable"

"More please"

"Well presented and interactive"

"Great speakers, very interesting topic. Enjoyed informal atmosphere and engagement with attendees"

"Great seminar. Best been to"

It was a tall order but in February 2013, we followed up our inaugural seminar with Jennifer Robinson as our keynote speaker. Jen has represented Julian Assange and talked to us about the dealings with the American Government and about Interpol red notices. Once again, we received wonderful feedback.

The seminars have been a wonderful fundraising initiative for CASE and have raised about \$30,000 during the financial year. We plan to continue to do 2 seminars per year and will endeavor to find entertaining and well recognized speakers to engage the crowd.

We are grateful to all of our speakers who speak without any sort of payment and also for the support of Shine Lawyers and King and Wood Mallesons. We also thank Matthew Howard SC who has Chaired each of the seminars and is again scheduled to Chair for our November 2013 seminar. www.cpdforacause.org



Thanks to our speakers;

September 2013

Major Dan Mori, George Newhouse – Shine Lawyers, our own CEO, Shayla Strapps and Matthew Howard SC, Francis Burt Chambers, Chair.

February 2013

Jennifer Robinson, Jason MacLaurin – Barrister Francis Burt Chambers, Roger Blow – Partner, Gadens Lawyers and Matthew Howard SC, Francis Burt Chambers, Chair.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WORLDWIDE IN 2012/13

UNHCR and Resettlement

According to UNHCR, 1.1 million people became refugees in 2012 and another 6.5 million people were internally displaced. This represents the highest number of new refugees in any one year since 1999. As a result, by the end of 2012, there were 10.5 million refugees under UNHCR's mandate.

Developing countries hosted 8.5 million refugees or 81 per cent of the global total. The 49 Least Developed Countries provided refuge to 2.5 million of these. The country hosting the highest number of refugees was Pakistan (1,638,500), followed by Iran, Germany, Kenya and Syria.

Overall, one third of the world's refugees (3.5 million) resided in the Asia-Pacific region and 70% of those were nationals of Afghanistan. Sub-Saharan Africa hosted about a quarter (2.8 million) and they were primarily from Somalia, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). About 15 per cent (1.6 million) were in the Middle East and North Africa.

The top five source countries of refugees were Afghanistan (2,585,600), Somalia (1,136,100), Iraq (746,400), Syrian Arab Republic (728,500), Sudan (569,200), DRC (509,400) and Myanmar (415,300).

UNHCR continued to consider resettlement as one of three durable solutions for refugees under its mandate. The range of countries providing resettlement increased in 2012, to 27 but the number of annual places remained at around 80,000 globally. Over 74,800 refugees were resettled, 18 per cent less than in 2011. The United States accepted 66,300, Canada 9,600 and Australia 5,900.

Convention Refugees

Approximately 8 per cent of global applications for refugee status were made in industrialised countries. This represented an increase in claims, compared to 2011 but remained lower than the numbers seen in the early 2000s and early 1990s.

74 per cent of claims made were to states in Europe. Of these, the countries with the most claims were Germany (64,500), France (54,9800), Sweden (43,900) and the UK (27,400).

Overall, in North America, the number of claims increased slightly but in Canada it fell by 19 per cent. The USA on the other hand, received 83,400 claims, which was a 10 per cent rise on the previous year. The US remained the largest single recipient of new claims, among all industrialised countries.

People from 200 different nationalities submitted asylum claims in industrialised countries. Slightly less than one half of applicants were from Asia and the Middle East. There were significant increases in applicants from the Syrian Arab Republic (+191%), Albania (+129%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (+104%), and Georgia (+55%). Overall, the top source countries were Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, China and Pakistan.

Australia and New Zealand

According to UNHCR, the number of asylum-seekers in Australia and New Zealand increased by 36 per cent during 2012 (16,100 claims) compared to the previous year (11,800). New Zealand's number remained largely steady but in Australia, there was a 37 per cent increase.

Departmental figures indicate that there were 11,599 protection applications lodged by Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) and 6,099 by non-IMAs during 2012/13. There were 7,062 grants in total. Due to long processing times, the vast majority of these would have been lodged in previous years.

Overall, the top source countries, by visa grant, were Afghanistan, Iran, stateless, Iraq, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. However, there were significant differences in source countries between IMAs and non-IMAs. After review, the major source countries for non-IMAs were Iran (315), Pakistan (453), China (209) and Egypt (267).

Australia's overall humanitarian intake increased this year to 20,019. Sixty per cent of places were for people referred by UNCHR (Refugee and Woman at Risk visas), 2.5 per cent were Special Humanitarian Program (SHP) and 37.5 per cent were Protection and other onshore visas. The number of SHP applications continued to fall, this year down to 21,476 from 35,547 in 2008/09, due in large part to the lack of available places, which has led to a high refusal rate.

Changes that have affected our workload in 2012

Departmental figures show that the majority of the SHP visas granted in 2012/13 went to split family applicants. These were the immediate family members of onshore and offshore humanitarian visa holders. However, on 22 September 2012, the Migration Regulations were amended so that anyone who came to Australia as an IMA on or after 13 August 2013 could no longer propose family members for a humanitarian visa.

The family members of IMAs who had already lodged split family applications were required to demonstrate that they were subject to persecution or substantial discrimination amounting to a gross violation of their human rights, in their home country, in order to be successful. These applications were also to be given the lowest processing priority.

The changes had a significant impact on our workload as virtually all of our clients who had lodged split-family applications for their immediate family (typically wives and dependent children) were unable to satisfy the new requirements. They therefore needed assistance to withdraw the application and make a fresh one for a Partner visa under the Family Stream. Shortly after September, the overseas post in Dubai, which processes Partner applications for Afghan citizens residing in Afghanistan and Pakistan, introduced major changes to evidence requirements. This required us to revisit these lodged applications again, to assist clients to obtain new documents from overseas and arrange DNA testing.

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CLIENT SERVICES AND PROJECT REPORTS

Migration Projects

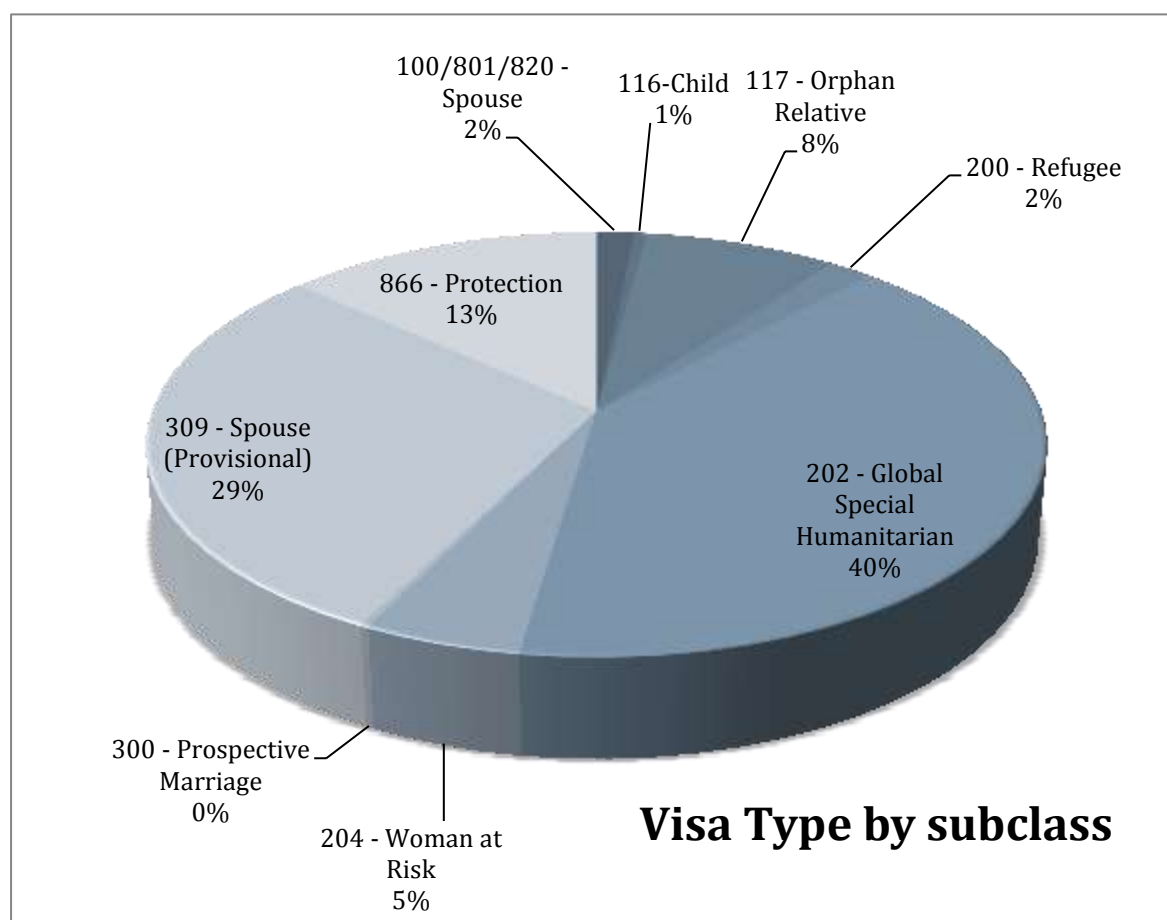
FAMILY REUNION AND PROTECTION VISA PROJECT

These projects continue to be the vast majority of our work. Demand for Family Reunion work is always high and we are unable to meet the demand. Once again, we have this year had to tighten our guidelines to ensure that we are prioritizing children and orphans, unaccompanied minors and women at risk. All clients that fit within our guidelines are given an initial interview and advice.

Protection visas demand also remains high and all clients are given an initial appointment prior to us making a determination on merit and advising that we are able to proceed.

In 2012/13, over 1000 people approached CASE seeking assistance. We were able to assist about 680 of them.

Once again, our clients came from a vast array of countries – in total 54 different countries. The overwhelming majority were from Afghanistan but with strong demand from many African countries as well.



Country of origin	% of client group	Country of origin	% of client group
Afghanistan	49.25%	Liberia	2.54%
Algeria	0.45%	Libya	0.30%
Bangladesh	0.15%	Malaysia	0.15%
Bhutan	0.15%	Mauritania	0.15%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.15%	Mauritius	0.15%
Brazil	0.15%	Morocco	0.15%
Burma	5.07%	Nepal	0.15%
Burundi	1.19%	Pakistan	5.67%
Cameroon	0.15%	Papua New Guinea	0.15%
China	0.75%	Russia	0.15%
Congo	1.34%	Rwanda	0.15%
DR of the Congo	1.49%	Saudi Arabia	0.15%
Egypt	0.60%	Sierra Leone	0.75%
Eritrea	0.75%	Singapore	0.15%
Estonia	0.15%	Somalia	1.64%
Ethiopia	1.49%	South Africa	0.30%
Guinea	0.15%	Sri Lanka	1.34%
Lebanon	0.15%	Sudan	4.93%
Iceland	0.15%	Syria	0.45%
India	0.60%	Taiwan	0.15%
Indonesian	0.60%	Thailand	0.60%
Iran	6.27%	Togo	0.15%
Iraq	2.54%	Turkey	1.19%
Japan	0.15%	Uganda	0.30%
Jordan	0.15%	Vietnam	0.90%
Kenya	1.64%	Zambia	0.15%
Korea	0.15%	Zimbabwe	1.34%



Of the 680 we were able to assist, we provided about 105 with initial advice only, went on to lodge 309 family reunion applications, 57 protection visa applications, 7 other applications, lodged 28 Migration or Review Tribunal matters and assisted 14 new clients with Judicial Review. The statistics for the generalist service are contained in the generalist report below.

Case Study 1

The client is a Zimbabwe national and a member of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC). The client was targeted after becoming a member of the MDC and first suffered beatings in 1999 when at college. His family has also been targeted due to his political involvement. In 2004 the victim was caught by two ZANU PF militia and beaten. He became unconscious after being hit in the head. In 2007 ZANU PF members came to the victim's house, pushed his mother to the floor and pursued the victim and threw a brick at his head. His family were interrogated and threatened to be tortured if his political activities did not stop. They dragged the victim's wife and forced her to attend the ZANU PF rally. The next day, whilst reporting the incident, the victim was detained for 78 hours and tortured.

In 2008 the client was detained without charge for four days and denied access and toilet facilities, and later in 2008 a party meeting was attacked with a petrol bomb. In the same year he was stopped in his car and the windows smashed in. In 2011 after a party rally the client was kidnapped, his hands and feet bound, gagged and his head covered. In the cell the client was assaulted, vomited and forced to eat the vomit. He was forced to live separately from his young family and pregnant wife and to disguise himself whenever he went out.

The client then came to Australia on a visitor visa and later sought assistance from CASE to lodge a protection application. CASE lodged the protection application, which was unsuccessful at first instance. CASE filed at the Refugee Review Tribunal who found that the client was a refugee and he was later granted a permanent visa.

The client is a diesel mechanic and is now working full time. He is applying for his wife and young family to join him in Australia.



When the retrospective legislation in relation to split family applications was introduced in August (see page 12), we had some 150 clients who were affected. It was impossible to see them all individually and so we arranged group information sessions to advise them on the change of laws. Many new applications had to be prepared and drafted which took immense amounts of time from both volunteers and staff.

Case Study 2

The client and his wife are people of Chin ethnicity, from Myanmar (Burma). They had three children while living in Myanmar. When the Myanmar government began to forcibly recruit people from their village, to fight in the army, using violence and torture, they fled to Malaysia. The journey across Burma and into Malaysia was too dangerous for young children so they left the children with their grandmother.

Malaysia does not recognise refugees and views them as illegal migrants. The client was unable to work legally and the family had to hide from the authorities for fear they would be imprisoned, beaten and returned to Myanmar. The client's wife gave birth to a fourth child, in Malaysia.

Towards the end of 2011, the client and his wife were asked to attend interviews with Australian immigration officials and UNHCR and told they may be able to be resettled in Australia. This was part of the government's 'Malaysian Solution', in place at that time.

They were very excited and told the interviewers that they had three other children in Myanmar who could travel quickly to Malaysia if they could also come to Australia. The officials told them that the offer of resettlement was only available for a short time and it would take too long for the children to reach Malaysia. They told the family that it would be preferable for the children to travel separately to Australia, once the client and his wife had arranged accommodation here.

The client, his wife and young baby came to Australia early in 2011 and asked CASE for Refugees to help them be reunited with their other three children. We assisted them to prepare and lodge a split family application. The visas were granted in July this year. In order to leave Myanmar safely, the children had to obtain Thai tourist visas and two-way tickets from Myanmar to Thailand. They were then met by an IOM official in Thailand who handed them permanent Australian visas and travel documents. The family is now together after almost 10 years apart.



JUDICIAL REVIEW PROJECT

The Judicial Review Asylum Seeker Project has continued its work through 2012/13. The project remains largely unfunded, despite the massive demand for work. Due to this, we had to reduce the number of people who we were able to assist. This was very difficult as there are no other services who provide such assistance and so people are left with nowhere to go.

Nevertheless, we continued to assist as many people as we were able. We received a number of positive decisions and thanks to the generosity of the barristers who work with us, we received almost all of those costs orders back in donations. This allowed us to keep the Project running. The Project also benefited from the success of the CPD for a Cause events.

"I find the work with CASE very rewarding. Working with talented, passionate people is always a pleasure."
Henry Jackson – Francis Burt Chambers

We now are lucky enough to have about 30 firms and barristers who assist the Project through their generous provision of both pro bono legal services and in kind support. Without them, the Project simply would not exist. Some of them are listed below.

Law firms

Allens Linklaters
Corrs Chambers Westgarth
King and Wood Mallesons

Barristers

Matthew Howard SC – Francis Burt Chambers
Peter Van Hattem SC – Francis Burt Chambers
Patricia Cahill SC – Francis Burt Chambers
Peter Hannan – John Toohey Chambers
Nilan Ekanayake – Francis Burt Chambers
Henry Jackson – Francis Burt Chambers
David Blades – John Toohey Chambers
Simon Davis – Francis Burt Chambers
John Cameron – Francis Burt Chambers
Greg Carter – Francis Burt Chambers
Justin Edwards – Francis Burt Chambers
Max Beckerling – Francis Burt Chambers
Katya Levy – Francis Burt Chambers
Tina McAuley – Francis Burt Chambers

"As a barrister with an interest in migration law, I have found working with CASE for Refugees to be very rewarding and effective. The solicitors and paralegals at CASE provide the necessary back-up assistance in terms of filing and serving court documents, obtaining transcripts, and liaising directly with the clients and the Minister's solicitors. It is very important for a barrister to be able to concentrate on the detail of the case and the advocacy arguments knowing that the necessary logistical tasks for the litigation are being handled by capable and experienced persons."

David Blades – John Toohey Chambers

"I believe that the work that CASE does is intrinsically important to our society. It shows that there is more to Australian society than glib political slogans and unreasoned fear. CASE gives a voice to people who would not otherwise be heard. The importance of that can never be underestimated. I also wish to recognise the professionalism of Shayla and her team in this work. They work in difficult circumstances with a manifest lack of resources, but always provide excellent and pragmatic representation."

Matthew Howard SC – Francis Burt Chambers

"I have found working as a barrister in asylum cases where CASE for Refugees is the instructing solicitor to be rewarding in a number of ways. From a professional point of view it is a "team effort" between me and CASE for Refugees as the instructing solicitor rather than a situation which (sadly) often happens, even in paid commercial cases, where the solicitor is nothing more than a "post box". Aside from asylum cases, judicial review cases do not come up that often in either the federal or the state spheres, and so briefs from CASE for Refugees are a chance for me to argue cases in one of my preferred areas of practice. From time to time I have been opposed to fellow barristers who have been briefed by CASE for Refugees and have seen first-hand their skill and industry. When I take briefs from CASE for Refugees I am able to play my part in adherence to the "cab rank rule" which ought to govern the "brief selection" of all barristers."

Peter Hannan – John Toohey Chambers (pictured right with CASE law clerk Tannaz and his trusty trolley!)

Throughout the year, the Project saw the effects of a number of law changes. In March 2012, the Government announced that the Independent Merits Review ("IMR") Process which was essentially a non statutory review process, would be disbanded and all people, regardless of their mode of arrival into Australia would have their appeal dealt with under the Refugee Review Tribunal. This was good news as there had been widespread concern about the quality of the decisions coming from the IMR process.



This year, we were also able to take a test matter to the Federal Court from a decision of the Minister. Although the matter was not something that we would normally assist with, we felt that the issue was important for the client and that it would have significance for a number of other people. Unfortunately, the matter was not successful and at the time of writing an appeal is being considered to the Full Federal Court.

In the coming year, the Project will continue to assist clients where capacity allows and with the ongoing generous support of our pro bono partners.

GENERALIST PROJECT

The generalist legal service is open 9.30am – 4.00pm each day from our office at Sunbury Road, Victoria Park and staffed by one full time solicitor. The service continues to provide general legal advice, assistance and representation to CaLD community members on low incomes. The generalist solicitor position was vacant for a period 5 months in 2012/13 and so our statistics this year are below previous years.

Our statistics for the 2011/12 funding period are as follows:

Assistance	2012/13
Information	275
Advice	138
New cases opened	67
Cases closed	39
Non Casework Projects	34

Our generalist clients came from a wide range of countries as follows:

Country of Birth	Proportion	Country of Birth	Proportion
Afghanistan	10%	Mauritius	1%
Algeria	1%	Nepal	1%
Bangladesh	1%	Papua New Guinea	1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1%	Philippines	1%
Burma	4%	Russia	1%
China	1%	Rwanda	1%
Colombia	1%	Sierra Leone	3%
DR of the Congo	1%	Somalia	6%
Ethiopia	1%	South Korea	1%
India	1%	Sri Lanka	7%
Iran	15%	Sudan	4%
Iraq	4%	Taiwan	1%
Kenya	4%	Thailand	4%
Korea	1%	Vietnam	3%
Kuwait	1%	Zimbabwe	1%
Lebanon	4%	Liberia	1%

STAFF PROFILE

Jasmine Rhodes – Generalist Solicitor

I started at CASE for Refugees in November 2012 as the generalist solicitor. I had previously completed my articulated clerkship and restricted practice at a commercial litigation firm, working on litigation matters in the Supreme and Federal Courts for corporate clients.

During my university studies I worked at Legal Aid, providing advice to clients on the Information Line, and I was looking to return to the social justice field when I accepted the position at CASE.

My experiences so far have been positive and rewarding, and I enjoy the varied work and relationships formed with clients. Being the generalist solicitor means that I encounter a wide range of legal issues on a day to day basis, including criminal defence, migration and citizenship matters, restraining orders, discrimination and equal opportunity, and other civil matters.

Not knowing what kind of law I might be working on is exciting and challenging. I have found the support and sharing of knowledge between the staff at CASE to be invaluable, and it is very encouraging to work with such a passionate and motivated group of people.



The generalist service has been involved in a number of community development programs this financial year, which have helped to raise the profile of the generalist service and increase referrals. For example, we have given presentations to Red Cross, Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre and Multicultural Services Centre about the general legal services and community legal education we can provide to their clients. In addition, we have produced a new brochure about the generalist service that has been distributed to various organisations and stakeholders. As a result, referrals for legal advice have increased.

We have also written to the State and Federal governments in relation to a number of law reform and policy matters that impact upon our clients and require review. For example, we have made submissions to the Federal government in relation to the excision of the migration zone. We have also advocated for more effective use of interpreters in the Courts and in particular, discouraging discrimination by prosecutors on account of language difficulties.

The generalist service provided training to Red Cross staff about legal issues facing refugees and continues to attend Red Cross Asylum Seeker Stakeholder meetings to update the group on current issues facing our clients.

Throughout the year, the service continued to experience demand for services in a number of different areas of law. We continued with a strong demand for domestic violence services, family law, credit and debt, motor vehicle insurance matters, criminal injuries compensation, employment, and criminal law. The following table contains the 20 most common problem types presenting at the generalist service during 2012/13:

Law type	Proportion %
Immigration other visa	23
Immigration Refugee/Humanitarian-Offshore	20
Immigration Misc	15
Other civil violence/restraining orders	12
Divorce	11
Immigration Health/Character	10
Other and misc offences incl weapons/explosives	10
Motor vehicle property damage	7
Child residency	6
Injuries compensation	6
Property in marriage	5
Property other	5
Govt pensions/benefits allowances	5
Employment Other	5
Other civil	5
Road offences and motor vehicle regulatory	5
Taking child overseas	4
Credit and debt recovery	4
Injuries assaults	4
Child protection application/orders	3
All other	41
	100%



Generalist Case Study 1

Our client is a recent arrival from Somalia and speaks very little English. She was charged with two criminal offences of failing to present a valid train ticket and failing to provide personal details. She caught a train one day and attempted to 'tag on' her Smartrider card.

A message in English was displayed which she assumed said that there was no credit left. She then went and put credit on her card and tagged it again before boarding the train. When she arrived at Perth station she was stopped by transit officers and questioned as to why she did not have a valid ticket. Our client tried to explain that she had tagged on her Smartrider and did have a ticket. She could not understand the transit officers' questions and asked them to speak to her friend on the phone, who could speak both her native language and English. The transit officers refused and did not offer her an interpreter. She was subsequently charged with the offences.

We requested information from Transperth which showed that the client had in fact 'tagged on' the first time she attempted to do so and the message was just to tell her that the credit was low. After she had added credit and tagged again, it had in fact tagged her off.

We advised the client to plead not guilty to the charges and provided written submissions to the prosecution about her defence of reasonable excuse (being her inability to speak English). The charges were subsequently withdrawn and our client countries to attend English classes.

Generalist Case Study 2

Our client is from Kenya and came to Australia to be with her husband. She was granted a temporary partner visa in 2011. Over the next two years the relationship deteriorated and the client's husband became verbally abusive and controlling. He would not allow the client to keep any friends and would follow her when she went to work or the shops, accusing her of being unfaithful if she spoke to other men. He later started physically violating the client and on one occasion, she sustained head injuries. The client eventually left her husband and moved to a women's refuge, and informed the Department of Immigration that her relationship with her visa sponsor had ended.

CASE assisted the client to apply for a permanent partner visa under special provisions in the Migration Act for victims of domestic violence. We assisted the client to obtain medical and police records of the incidences of violence perpetrated by her husband, and a statement from the client's treating psychologist. We also prepared a statement by the client outlining the history of domestic violence.

The Department accepted our evidence that the client had suffered domestic violence, and she was granted a permanent partner visa despite the relationship with her husband ending. Our client has since moved out of the women's refuge and is living independently and working as a patient support assistant.

VOLUNTEERS

Once again, CASE benefited enormously from the input of volunteers. From the volunteer Board, the volunteer law graduates, the administration volunteers and our volunteer migration agents and lawyers, we are very blessed to have such a wonderful group of people who are prepared to give their time to us.

We continue to receive positive feedback from our volunteers and many go on to do some amazing things following their work at CASE. Our volunteer training sessions are always well attended.

Volunteers gave us 3453 hours of their time in 2012/13

This year, we wanted to share with you some of the feedback that we have received from some of our outgoing volunteers.

Victoria MacMillan and Josh Spry – CASE volunteers 2008-2013

"We have been lucky enough to take part in the work of CASE for the last five years. From our early days as eager law students, to our current roles as corporate lawyers, volunteering at CASE has been a very positive, grounding and enjoyable experience.



On a practical level, CASE has given us the opportunity to use and develop our legal skills in interviewing and dealing with clients. However, CASE has given us something much more than just practical skills: CASE has given us the opportunity to work alongside passionate and relentless individuals on a cause that is much bigger than ourselves – a cause that in today's political environment is becoming increasingly important. Having had our own views shaped and informed by those that we have met at CASE, we challenge our friends and family to meet and speak with a refugee before they form a view on Australia's asylum seeker policy.

Working at CASE can be hard. Working with finite resources and limited time schedules can be challenging.

Hearing people recount their horrific experiences, the death and abuse of loved ones, the risks they took to escape and the difficult choices that they had to make can be emotionally draining. Sometimes the clients can be difficult, whether because of stress, financial pressure or because, as part of the process, we are making them relive the traumatic experiences that led to them fleeing their home country or asking them to describe the horrific threats that still apply to their family and friends back home.

But no matter how hard, how challenging, how draining or how difficult, working at CASE is always rewarding. Hearing people's stories only increases your respect and awe for the strength of others and gives you an appreciation for the endurance of the human spirit. It also helps you to appreciate what you have, and to appreciate how lucky you are to live in a safe and stable country like Australia.

We are soon moving overseas and it has come time for us to say goodbye (for a while at least). It has always been a privilege to work alongside the diverse and highly talented staff at CASE. Without volunteers to assist people with their applications and the legal and administrative staff who work tirelessly to make it all work, many of the people who come to CASE for assistance simply wouldn't be helped. We will sadly miss working at CASE. We encourage anyone with an interest in refugees, whether for political, compassionate or social justice reasons, to get involved. You won't regret it."

Katherine Storey – CASE law student volunteer – 2008-2013

"Volunteering at CASE for Refugees was an unrivalled experience, both personally and professionally.



Over five years, I spent numerous Saturday mornings assisting refugees from Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan, Myanmar and elsewhere. Each client had their own mesmerising story, and I was in a unique position to learn these stories first hand. One memorable meeting was with a beautiful young woman who had escaped from Sudan in pretty terrifying circumstances. Yet we shared a morning connecting over a very normal experience – as she was overflowing with

joy about a potential reunion with her husband, with whom she was clearly very in love. CASE also provided me with a real opportunity to develop my skills as a young professional. Even before graduating, I had interviewed clients, prepared numerous statutory declarations, written formal letters and managed files. I also developed an understanding of domestic policies and international events.

I graduated from law school in 2011, following which I was the Associate to the Hon Justice Buss in the Supreme Court of Western Australia. I now work in the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) in the Latin America section, helping to develop new projects to alleviate poverty, build resilient communities and effective governments, and reduce the humanitarian impact of natural disasters throughout Central and South America.

Be it my understanding of the needs of people in fragile and conflict-affected areas, or my ability to concisely describe a complex situation in legal or policy-based terms, the skills I developed at CASE have served me well professionally. And my memories of the wonderful people I met continue to remind me that irrespective of where we come from, we share similarities of human experience – love, joy, grief – and that we are all very lucky to be here in Australia."

Ella Tchomarian – CASE volunteer 2007-2012

"When I applied to volunteer at CASE for Refugees, my hope was that I would get some valuable experience and be part of a worthy cause. As I hoped, I was exposed to a legal environment and was given hands-on work that was both challenging and interesting. However, what I gained by volunteering at CASE goes far beyond this. I had the opportunity to work closely with clients, as my tasks included interviewing them, to assist with protection and family reunion matters. Interacting with people from such diverse backgrounds, who have faced such difficult circumstances, has broadened my perspective. It has brought into my reality events that have hitherto seemed only abstract and remote. I am a much better communicator for the experience and I have gained other valuable skills. The 'refugee issue' has always seemed too big to tackle, but while volunteering at CASE, I realised that there is no 'issue' or 'cause'. There are just individual people, each needing help in their own way. I am glad to have had the opportunity to contribute to doing something for those individuals with whose matters I assisted. These experiences were made all the richer, as I had the privilege to work with a wonderful group of dedicated and supportive people at CASE for Refugees."

Allens Linklater volunteer - Janelle Adams

"I'm a Legal PA with Allens Linklaters and I've spent six months volunteering on a part-time basis with CASE for Refugees as part of a secondment arrangement between Allens and CASE to provide CASE with administrative support."



CASE has been a great place to volunteer at for a number of reasons. For me, the main two reasons have been: (1) the fantastic people I've met and had the privilege of working with here at CASE; and (2) getting a chance to learn about some of the client histories, which have been fascinating, eye-opening and disturbing to read in equal measure and have given me a

much greater understanding of the individual cases, which is not something that you get from just seeing the stories on the news.

The work that the dedicated people at CASE do for refugees and asylum seekers is wonderful and makes such a huge difference to many lives. They are an inspiring group of people to work with and I have very much enjoyed my time working and learning with them. I will definitely be encouraging the other PAs at Allens to sign up for a chance to volunteer with CASE. I believe it is a hugely beneficial opportunity for anyone who has a chance to do so."

TRAINING FOR LAW STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Each year CASE provides placements for about 2-3 law students to complete the practical component for their training. The positions are unpaid, although highly sought after, and we believe provide a wonderful opportunity for the students and for CASE. This year we have seen Monica Snowball, Jade Roberts and Gino Lopez all undertake their placement at CASE. As with all our students, we are very excited to be able to see them be admitted at the completion of their studies and placement.



"CASE for Refugees is an inspiring organisation. It promotes the values of human rights, compassion, professionalism and the community; I discovered that this is exactly what this organisation entails."

I completed my ANU GDLP Practical Legal Training with CASE. My goals and expectations with what I would be able to achieve at this organisation were easily outweighed. Some of the highlights during my placement included visits to the Federal Magistrates Court of WA to observe hearings, the CASE CPD for a Cause event with Dan Mori (which was thoroughly entertaining and interesting), the CASE 10th

anniversary dinner, involving heartfelt speeches from some of the refugees CASE assisted and more.

In terms of professional development, I was given the opportunity to research and create memorandums on some very interesting and challenging areas. The professional standard at CASE is of a very high caliber, and I would like to thank Shayla Strapps for providing exceptional mentoring and guidance. My time at CASE was very fulfilling, and I highly recommend others to apply to volunteer or complete a placement at CASE if you have a passion for Migration law".

Monica Snowball – Law graduate

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill and yourself Gwynneth, all staff and Australia's Government, for this opportunity which encourages and promotes hope for the future. My relative has been granted his orphan relatives visa to travel to Australia. The work you did for these boys was positive and remarkable. It is of my special regard to acknowledge your office for the orphan relative visa offered to the less fortunate members of society. Thank you so much."

[sic] CASE client, 2013

There continues to be a high demand from people wishing to volunteer at CASE. We now have an annual recruitment process where we offer volunteer opportunities both during the week and after-hours.

A large group of our volunteers are 3rd or 4th year Law Students, and we also have practicing solicitors and Migration Agents who assist in the after-hours family reunion work.



We currently have 64 active volunteers, of this 20 were recruited in 2013 and undertook to complete the Legal Training (pictured above), database training and office induction.

The work of the volunteers is supervised and monitored by a CASE staff member, with constant feedback and information provided to them on how to best assist the applicant.

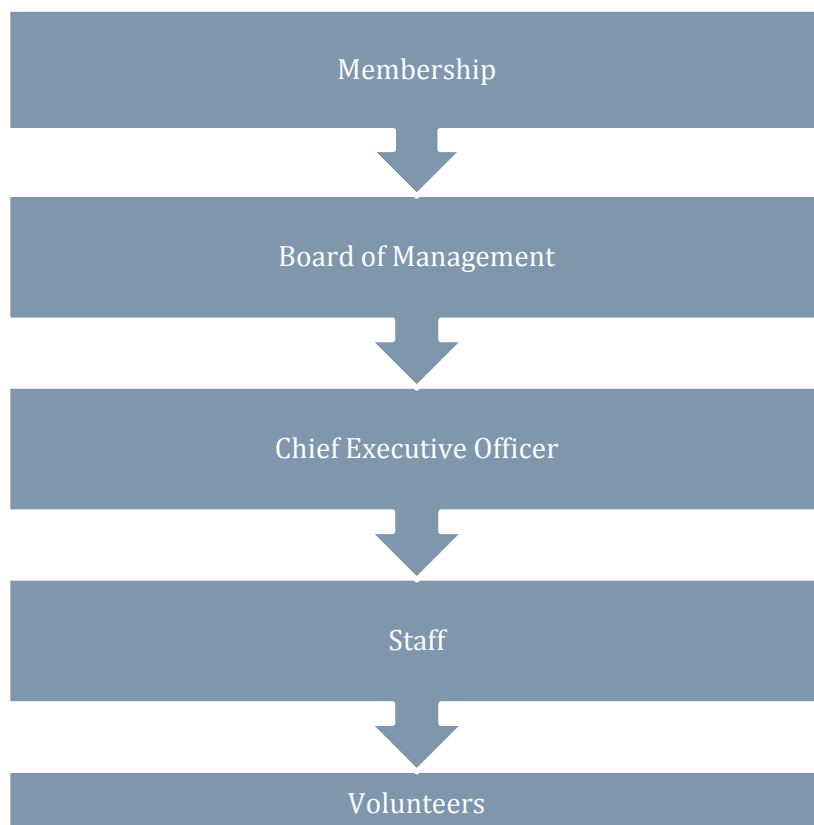
We also provide a comprehensive Training Manual to assist the volunteers in their work.

Please see the last page of this report for the names of all the wonderful volunteers who have helped us this year.

GOVERNANCE

CASE is committed to attaining high standard of governance, practice and risk management and accountability. In 2012/13 the CASE Board passed a new Strategic Plan for the period until December 2014. Many of the initiatives in that Plan are already being implemented.

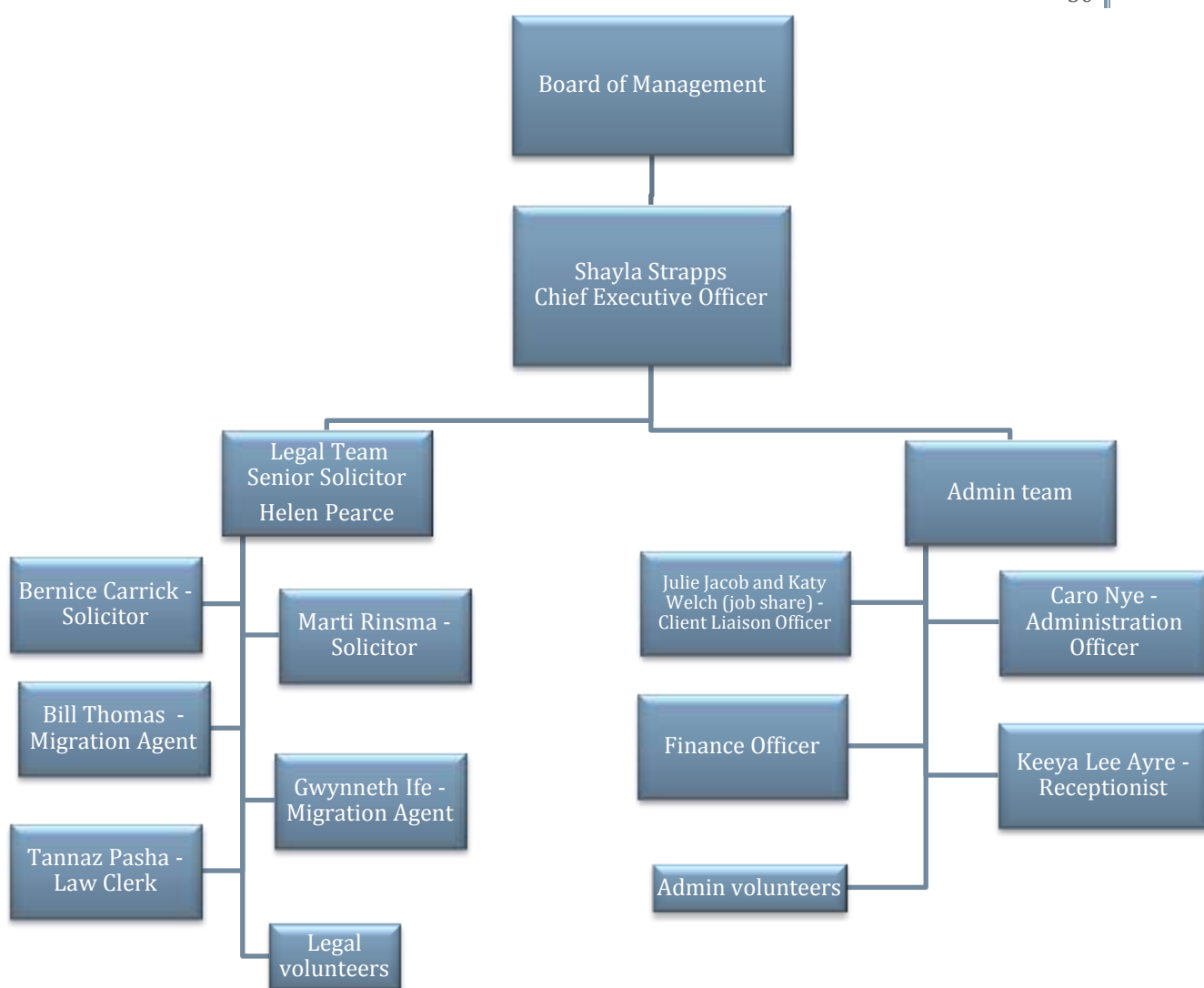
A representation of the organisation's structure and reporting lines is provided below.



Practice and People Management

The CEO is primarily responsible for the management of the legal practice and the maintenance of quality practising standards, and is accountable to the Board in this regard. The position reports to the Board monthly in relation to any matters relating to practice management, and is responsible for coordinating and complying with annual auditing requirements associated with the organization's participation in the National Community Legal Centres Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme.

The Senior Solicitor, who reports to the CEO, is responsible for the supervision of all legal services provided by the organization, and for the development and implementation of processes and procedures required to ensure compliance with professional standards. A hierarchy chart follows below.



Operational systems in place to facilitate people management include a staff and volunteer induction manual, a staff and volunteer training program and the preparation and review of job descriptions for each staff member. Each staff member undergoes an annual review in relation to their salary and performance which is conducted by the CEO or their immediate supervisor.

Each staff member also undertakes both compulsory training in relation to their professional accreditation requirements and additional training where funding permits, as part of their overall professional development plans.

FINANCE

Funding

Sourcing funds to both maintain and develop the services of the organisation is a constant activity of the staff and Board of CASE. The organisation continues to grow and improve its financial position with the strong and extensive support of:

- established government and non government grants programs at state, federal and international levels;
- the pro bono efforts of dedicated volunteers within the legal and migration advice professions ;
- Fundraising efforts;
- volunteer law and social services students;
- practicum and internships through Western Australian universities; and
- the corporate sector;

Pursuing core operating or recurrent funding, in particular to meet the ongoing running costs and staffing needs of the organisation, remains a high priority for CASE and we are actively investigating options that may be available.

During the year, CASE received funds from:

- The Law Society of Western Australia, Public Purposes Trust;
- United Nations, Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;
- Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Service (IAAAS);
- Allens Arthur Robinson Charity Committee;
- Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program;
- Piddington Society;
- Individual donations;
- Fundraising activities; and
- Memberships.

Financial Management

CASE has in place strong processes of financial management to ensure that the Board is kept informed of and able to take appropriate action in relation to the finances of the organization. Our Treasurer holds a Bachelor of Business in Accounting and Business Law and has years of experience in accounting roles.

The Finance Officer manages the day to day financial needs and the Treasurer prepares an annual budget for approval by the Board. The Treasurer also reports to the Board monthly in relation to the organisation's financial position and performance against the budget, and the allocation of grant monies and donations received. Regular financial reporting to all major donors and funding bodies in relation to the acquittal of funds received also takes place. Finally, an annual independent audit is undertaken of the organization's financials.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

This year's financial statements, audited by CASE's independent auditor Robert John Campbell, are presented at the conclusion of this report. Only selected pages of the full twenty page auditors report are copied below. Full copies of the report are available and can be requested by emailing admin@caseforrefugees.org.au.

Directors
R J Campbell, CPA, RCA
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Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc.

ABN: 90 649 933 494

Independent Auditor's Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

To the members of Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc.

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc., which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013 and the Income Statement, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2013, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by the Board of Management.

Board of Management's responsibility for the financial report

The Board of Management of Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 1987 and for such internal control as the Board of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc. as of 30 June 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



Robert John Campbell CPA
Registered Company Auditor No. 334773
Australian Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd
Level 2, 459 Hay Street, PERTH, WA

DATE: 20-9-13

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
Grants	2	676,260	683,829
Fundraising		54,096	2,211
Interest		13,268	14,778
Other	3	124,913	108,943
Total revenue from operating activities		868,537	809,761
Employment		(674,147)	(599,029)
Program	4	(78,194)	(64,692)
Administration	5	(72,280)	(68,977)
Property	6	(29,264)	(48,661)
Depreciation		(12,381)	(15,717)
Total expenses from operating activities		(866,266)	(797,076)
Total surplus		2,271	12,685

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
This report should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.
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Centre for Advocacy, Support & Education for Refugees Inc.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2013

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	383,982	425,136
Receivables	8	37,283	4,199
Total current assets		<u>421,265</u>	<u>429,335</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	58,951	55,324
Total non-current assets		<u>58,951</u>	<u>55,324</u>
Total assets		<u>480,216</u>	<u>484,659</u>
Current liabilities			
Payables	10	112,327	116,486
Current Provisions	11	36,273	39,436
Total current liabilities		<u>148,600</u>	<u>155,922</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Non-current Provisions	12	6,365	5,758
Total non-current liabilities		<u>6,365</u>	<u>5,758</u>
Total liabilities		<u>154,965</u>	<u>161,680</u>
Net assets		<u>325,251</u>	<u>322,979</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		75,251	322,979
Reserves	13	250,000	-
Total equity		<u>325,251</u>	<u>322,979</u>

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CASE for Refugees is very appreciative of the many individuals and businesses who give so generously of their time and resources. Without this support, CASE simply could not exist.

In closing, we thank the following volunteers and supporters for their support during the year.

Alan Watkins	Diksha Koul	Luke Carbon	Rosie Sitorus
Andrew McAuley	Felicity Cain	Lydia Wells	Ryan Tozer
Annabel LaGrange	Fleur Leishman	Manuel Ong Sotto	Sammia Jensen
Annaleise Bryant	Gemma Mitchell	Marian Cross	Sashi Perera
Anne Durack	Gino Lopez	Mary Henderson	Sean Monahan
Arlou Arteta	Jade Roberts	Mel Pellicano	Soko Shoko
Ashleigh Hanson	Janet Sorenson	Michael Bellissimo	Sonja Zivak
Banafsheh Driver	Jennifer Solliss	Michael O'Brien	Su Sze Ting
Barbara Hewitt	Jessica Bayley	Monica Snowball	Sue Dicker
Bibi Hasheemi	John Carroll	Nadia Yuruten	Sunita Sebastian
Callum Hair	Josephine Barron	Nando Muccilli	Svetlana Lane
Camila Becerra	Josh Spry	Naomi Kefford	Sweata Kagety
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Claire Cahill	Katy Rengel	Prue Campbell	Zoe Kickett
Corin Hooyberg	Laura Costello	Rheya Shah	Ros Lee
David Markovich	Lauren Evans		

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