

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/405) PROGRAMME – 2.1: and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

When did the Locally Engaged Employees (LEE) interpreter program begin?
How many have participated in this program?

Answer:

The policy to resettle Afghan LEE was announced on 13 December 2012 and regulations to support it came into effect on 1 January 2013.

Around 600 Afghan nationals, locally engaged Afghan employees and their family members, have now been resettled in safety in Australia under this policy.