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Senator Malcolm Roberts asked:

Is it possible to get a list of characteristics which when combined with their refugee status, would allow a humanitarian entrant access to the Australian welfare system?

Answer:

Refugees and Humanitarian entrants are required to meet the same qualification criteria for social security benefits as any other permanent resident or citizen in the same circumstances. They can apply for and be assessed for different payments in the same way as other permanent residents and citizens.

When in receipt of payments, Refugees and Humanitarian entrants are subject to the same payment rules and mutual obligations as other Australian permanent residents or citizens in the same circumstances.