Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments Question No: SQ17-000318

Topic: Humanitarian Entrants

Hansard page: 106

Senator Malcolm Roberts asked:

What is the number of migrants who receive Centrelink payments after arrival in Australia after one year, three years and five years from the following countries: Sudan, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Vietnam and Pakistan?

Answer:

The table shows the number of working age (at arrival) humanitarian refugees who arrived between January 2002 and December 2011 from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Vietnam who were on an Income Support¹ at a point in time after one, three and five years.

Country of Birth	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Afghanistan	6,527	5,507	4,765
Iran	3,750	3,607	3,123
Iraq	13,112	11,868	10,749
Lebanon	140	167	165
Pakistan	601	682	593
Somalia	1,083	950	853
Sudan	11,377	9,171	8,251
Syrian Aran Republic	75	100	98
Vietnam	130	114	112

¹Income support recipients include those receiving Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Austudy, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension and Special Benefit.