

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/173) - Asylum Seeker Reviews - Programme 1.1 Border Management
(Administered)**

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

1. Is there an internal review into how many asylum seekers can register with UNHCR?
2. Is there a ban on people who are registered with UNHCR to apply to resettle in Australia?
3. What kind of consultations were offered to Indonesia before the announcement that asylum seekers would not be able to be resettled?

Answer:

1. No.
2. In November 2014, the Australian Government announced that persons registered with UNHCR Indonesia on or after 1 July 2014 will not be resettled in Australia. Australia continues to resettle refugees who registered with UNHCR in Indonesia before 1 July 2014.
3. The Indonesian Government was consulted prior to announcing the Resettlement cut-off measure and the Australian Government continues to work with Indonesia to find solutions to the shared problem of people smuggling.