

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/360) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- What arrangements are in place/will be in place for family reunification for recognised refugees living in PNG?
- What are the arrangements surrounding access to housing?
- What are the arrangements surrounding access to support?
- What are the arrangements surrounding access to education and training? 66. What are the arrangements surrounding access to work?

Answer:

The Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is considering the approach to family reunification, housing, support, education, training and work for refugees in broader PNG.

The Government of PNG has determined that refugees will initially be accommodated at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre, where they will receive a number of services including:

- basic welfare assistance including a living allowance;
- cultural orientation and language training (English and Tok Pisin);
- access to local health services;
- torture and trauma counselling; and
- case management support to assist refugees as they begin their life in PNG, including finding employment or further training to develop their job readiness.