

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/401) PROGRAMME – 2.1: and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Please provide a further update on the broad allocations within the 11,000 offshore places.

Can you outline from where these allocations will be coming (countries of origin)?

Answer:

The 2014-15 offshore Humanitarian Programme provides 11 000 places, including:

- 6 000 Refugee places; and
- 5 000 Special Humanitarian Programme (SHP) places.

Within the Refugee component, there are at least 1 000 places set aside in 2014-15 for the Woman at Risk category for vulnerable women and their dependants.

The government announced in August 2014, that at least 4 400 places within the 11 000 place offshore Humanitarian Programme in 2014-15 would be for Syrians (2 200 places) and Iraqis (2 200 places).

Other nationalities likely to be resettled through the offshore Humanitarian Programme in 2014-15 include Afghans, Burmese, Bhutanese, people from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopians, Eritreans and Somalis, among others.