

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/447) PROGRAMME – 2.1: and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many people have been found to be owed protection but have been refused a visa based on character grounds (S501)?

Where are these people detained?

How many are living in the community and what type of visa are they on?

How many people are detained due to pending charges or because they are persons of interest in a police investigation?

Answer:

For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 November 2014 there were no refusals based on character grounds, (section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act)), for people found to be owed protection.

During the period 1 June 2014 to 30 November 2014 there was no one in immigration detention owed protection but had been refused under character grounds of the Act, either due to being the subject to pending charges, or because they are a person of interest to a police investigation.