

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(7) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay**

Senator Nettle (L&C 31) asked:

How many West Papuans have been given protection? They may not have been boat arrivals.

*Answer:*

DIMA statistics in relation to persons applying for and receiving protection visas are based on country of citizenship. Systems do not routinely record the region of origin of the applicant from within a particular country (such as the Papua province of Indonesia)

DIMA is aware that small numbers of Indonesians from the province of Papua have claimed and received asylum in Australia over the years, but is unable to extract reports from DIMA systems on the exact number.