

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(30) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Humphries (L&C 74) asked:

How many refugee claims have been assessed by the department during 2009-10 on Christmas Island? What were the source countries of those that were processed?

*Answer:*

In the period from 1 July 2009 to 31 January 2010, a total of 1254 refugee claims from people in Christmas Island have been assessed.

The table below gives a breakdown of the source countries for all people whose refugee claims have been assessed.

| <b>Country</b> | <b>number</b> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Afghanistan    | 793           |
| Sri Lanka      | 257           |
| Iraq           | 77            |
| Stateless      | 70            |
| Iran           | 44            |
| Kuwait         | 3             |
| Pakistan       | 3             |
| Syria          | 2             |
| Indonesia      | 2             |
| Djibouti       | 1             |
| India          | 1             |
| Somalia        | 1             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1254</b>   |