

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/00496) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 65) asked:

How many genuine refugees are current in limbo due to adverse security assessment? On average how long have they been in this status? What is the breakdown of nationality?

Answer:

As at 19 March 2012, there are some 50 people who have received an adverse security assessment held in detention. They have held this status for between two and 40 months.

Detailed questions regarding security assessments should be directed to the Attorney-General, who has portfolio responsibility for ASIO.