

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0012) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 18) asked:

Please table the report that would be provided to the Border Protection Task Force in relation to recommendation 4 of the Expert Panel report.

Answer:

The following information regarding Recommendation 4 (resettlement places for Indonesia) of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers was tabled at the Border Protection Taskforce (BPT) meeting of 20 December 2012. This was the most recent BPT meeting prior to Additional Estimates on 11 February 2013 at which the Expert Panel recommendations were discussed.

“Increase Humanitarian Program resettlement places for Indonesia: finalised BAU.

DIAC and UNHCR are working closely to scale up the intake of refugees from Indonesia to provide a tangible demonstration that safer alternatives exist to making the dangerous boat journey.”