

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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(140) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Nettle (L&C 101) asked:

Does Papua New Guinea have domestic refugee law?

Answer:

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a party to the 1951 UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 protocol (Refugees Convention). Under the PNG *Migration Act 1978* (Migration Act), there is provision to make a determination on applications for refugee status. Further questions should be more appropriately directed toward the PNG Government.