

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(270) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley (L&C 32) asked:

Could you say at what stage those who exited post that meeting were?

Answer:

Nine Burundian families in Newcastle exited the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS) in February 2006.

Of those, one family arrived in June 2005, two families arrived in July 2005 and six families arrived in August 2005 (minimum period accessing IHSS was around 6 months).

Following the meeting in Newcastle, one family, who had been in the IHSS for 8 months, exited IHSS on 9 May 2006. A further two families that have been in the IHSS for 7 months are expected to exit IHSS in June 2006.