

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(111) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley (L&CA 26) asked:

Provide details of the employment outcomes for the refugee and humanitarian groups in the pilot in Shepparton?

Answer:

As part of the evaluation of the pilot conducted in late 2006, the Department obtained information about employment outcomes for the Congolese entrants settled in Shepparton under the Regional Humanitarian Settlement Pilot (2005-06).

The evaluation identified that of the ten families settled in Shepparton through the pilot, five heads of the families were employed, as well as one spouse. Some of the adolescents had also found part-time jobs. Of the group, only three families had no one working. Two of these were the most recently arrived families and in the other, the head of the household was undertaking tertiary studies.