

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(23) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 109) asked:

(1) Provide the number of asylum seeker protracted cases being assessed in Indonesia.

(2) How many people does the UNHCR refer to Australia for resettlement out of Indonesia?

Answer:

(1) There are some 185 UNHCR-registered asylum seekers in a protracted situation in Indonesia.

(2) Of these, UNHCR has referred some 120 to Australia for resettlement. Around a fifth had been granted visas as at the end of May 2009. The others were awaiting the results of health and character checks.