

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(41) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 54) asked:

I have a question with regard to the breakdown of the people who have arrived since August. I am not sure if this was picked up earlier in a request. I think we were discussing that there is a mix of some who had been short transit and some who had spent some time in Indonesia. I assume that the ones who had spent time in Indonesia had they been under the care of IOM or assessed by UNHCR.

How many of them had been under UNHCR?

Could you also include how many of the unauthorised arrivals since August 2008 had previously been assessed by UNHCR and been found to be refugees and how many were not found to be refugees? In other words, we are really doing a bit of an analysis of the sort of history of those who have arrived since August 2008. Again, that will pick up any third-country transiting that that may have done.

Answer:

The Department does not have any aggregated statistics on this. It would be highly resource intensive to review all individual files in order to compare this data.