QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(90) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Humphries (L&C 61) asked:

Thirty four were transferred to Villawood on 5 April and 89 detainees were also transferred to Villawood on 27 March. So all of this group had their claims rejected and were said to be on a negative or a removal pathway. According to DIAC, as at 17 May there were still 122 IMAs at Villawood. Have all these people had their refugee status refused?

Answer.

Of the 122 IMAs at Villawood as at 17 May 2010, all have been refused refugee status.