

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0196) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

Has the Department undertaken longitudinal studies of Humanitarian Entrants to ascertain if rates of education, health and employment are rising or falling? If so, please provide copies of these longitudinal studies. If not, why not?

Answer:

The department undertook a longitudinal survey of Humanitarian Program entrants as part of the second Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Australia (LSIA 2) who arrived between September 1999 and August 2000. Topics covered included:

- Education and training
- Labour force activity
- Health

Sample reports from the LSIA 2 can be found on the department's website at <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/research/lsia/lsia06.htm>.

A survey (not longitudinal) of new arrivals to Australia undertaken by the department in 2010 included findings relating to the employment, education and health outcomes of Humanitarian Program entrants. The report can be found on the department's website at <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/research/>.

The department is preparing a new longitudinal study of Humanitarian Program and other vulnerable migrants who are eligible for settlement programs to run in 2012-17. Topics will include education, health and employment outcomes.