

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24/05/2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0731) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Michaelia Cash (Written) asked:

Will the refugees from Malaysia take precedence over entrants already here in Australia?

*Answer:*

A feature of the HSS is that eligibility for services is based on a needs assessment. Humanitarian Settlement Service providers are contracted to provide settlement assistance, including assistance in finding suitable accommodation, to all Humanitarian Program visa holders.