

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0040) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 75) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG:[..]in the answers that you gave me last time when I asked about the countries of origin of asylum seekers or refugees that had been resettled from both Indonesia and Malaysia, you have given me the breakdown of the nationalities. There were four people we resettled from Malaysia who were Malaysian. Is that unusual?

Dr Southern: On the face of it, it certainly is unusual, and I am sure we will unpack it for you to explain what is behind it.

Answer:

To clarify the response provided to AE13/0037, four offshore humanitarian visas had been granted to Myanmarese refugees who were born in Malaysia. They were not Malaysian citizens.