

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0201) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash (L&CA 120) asked:

Senator CASH: What would be the weekly average of the number of genuine refugees the department refers to resettlement services?

Ms Finney: I would take that on notice. We do not have a weekly average.

*Answer:*

The Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) program provides intensive settlement support to all eligible humanitarian clients. From 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013, 12,741 clients have been assisted under the HSS program.

Using these figures, an average of 296 humanitarian clients were provided with settlement services per week over the period, however the calculated weekly average does not accurately represent the actual weekly fluctuations in resettlement referral numbers.