

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0467) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Is the Malaysian people swap deal in or out of the budget?

Answer:

Australia is honouring its commitment to resettle an additional 1000 refugees from Malaysia annually over the four years from the date of signing of the Arrangement with the Government of Malaysia on Transfer and Resettlement (the Malaysia Arrangement), on 25 July 2011. These 1000 places come from within the Department's existing Humanitarian Program, and this Program is accounted for in the 2013/2014 Budget.