

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(174) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett asked:

1. How many asylum seekers have been classified as stateless people?
2. How many of them are in detention?
3. How many of them are in the community?
4. What categories of visas are they on? For those who are on removal pending visas – how long will they remain in limbo for? If another country cannot be found to accept them what contingent plans are there in place to deal with these cases?
5. Can you provide a breakdown of their countries of origin?

Answer:

1 to 5. DIMA systems as at 3 November 2006 indicate that there are no stateless persons currently seeking asylum.