

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(52) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&C 118) asked:

In answer to question 89, you provided some information in relation to entrants under the humanitarian program who remained unemployed at the end of their first year in Australia by country of origin. You provided some statistics for me. They go from 1993 to 1995 and then 1999 to 2000. You then make reference to two research projects. Could you give me the progress of the two research projects referenced in answer to question 89 and outline for me the terms of reference, the intended outcome and any data that you have collected. I am also interested in whether you have differentiated or have statistics in relation to regional and metropolitan areas and whether some of the people are in full-time or part-time education or vocational training.

*Answer:*

The two research projects and their respective broad terms of reference are:

- 1) research on the *Settlement Outcomes of New Arrivals*. This quantitative survey analyses the social participation, economic participation, the degree of independence and the personal well-being of humanitarian entrants and refugees in both metropolitan and regional Australia (benchmarked against family and skilled migrants) who have arrived over the last five years. Hence it includes seeking information on educational and employment outcomes of clients. The project is being conducted by the Australian Survey Group in Melbourne; and
- 2) the *Economic, Social and Civic Contributions of Humanitarian Entrants*, currently being conducted by Professor Graeme Hugo from the University of Adelaide. The project is exploring the contributions of people from first and second generation humanitarian backgrounds to Australia's economy and society, including through labour force participation, entrepreneurship, volunteering and other economic, social and civic engagement. It may include people in full-time or part-time education or vocational training and is expected to include respondents in metropolitan and some regional areas. Data is currently being collected.

It is too early to pre-empt the outcomes of these research projects.