

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(116) Output 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Abetz (L&CA 115-116) asked:

Provide details of the proposed feasibility study to settle refugees on King Island.

Answer:

The Department is not considering a feasibility study into settlement on King Island. We understand there was a proposal for a feasibility study developed by a Migrant Resource Centre in Tasmania.

The Department does not have any current plans to directly settle refugees or other humanitarian entrants onto King Island.

Humanitarian entrants initially settled in Tasmania or other parts of Australia are like other Australians free to move to King Island if they choose. These moves may be facilitated with the cooperation of Migrant Resource Centres or similar support agencies working with the residents of King Island.