QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(44) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 51) asked:

How many people are currently in the Romanian transit centre?

Answer.

The Emergency Transit Centre in Timisoara, Romania, has a capacity for 200 refugees. The Department is aware of the details and circumstances of the 17 refugees who were transferred to the Centre following rescue by the *Oceanic Viking* in 2009. The Department has no information about the other refugees in the Centre.