

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(48) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 52) asked:

What is the nature of the population at the Romanian transit centre? What countries have they come from? What is their classification? Are they male/female, family groups, unaccompanied minors et cetera?

Answer:

The Centre has a capacity for 200 refugees. Candidates for transfer to Romania are persons who are considered by UNHCR to be in urgent need of evacuation in order to ensure their international protection needs.

Apart from the 17 refugees from the *Oceanic Viking* the Department has no information about the current refugee population in the Centre.

Please refer to the answer to question 45. A copy of an information booklet about the Centre is attached.