

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE11/0205) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance: How many of the promised 4,000 refugees Australia promised to resettle from Malaysia have arrived in Australia?

*Answer:*

Between 1 July 2011 and 17 October 2011, 415 people were granted Refugee category visas by the Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur.

On average, people granted a visa take an additional two months to arrive in Australia, so it is likely that the actual number of refugees who have arrived will be smaller than the visas granted.