

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0298) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Based on the Government's application of the No Advantage Principle how long does the Government anticipate asylum seekers will be held on Nauru?

*Answer:*

Transferees in Nauru subject to the no advantage principle will be examined at regular intervals against a mix of factors including:

- Whether persons of their nationality are a priority caseload for resettlement for UNHCR.
- The number of persons of their nationality assessed by UNHCR to be in need of resettlement.
- A benchmark time from refugee status determination to being resettled across various processing locations in the region.
- Individual characteristics of the person will influence the time period that will apply for resettlement.

Given these factors, it is not possible to articulate a time period.