

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0368) PROGRAMME – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How will the offshore refugee visas be allocated? What is the expected breakdown by region?

Answer:

The Asia, Middle East and Africa regions remain priorities in the 2013–14 offshore component of the Humanitarian Programme. In 2013–14, around 50 per cent of places in the offshore Programme will be for people in Asia including South West Asia, a further third will be for people in the Middle East, with the remaining places for people in Africa.