

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0375) PROGRAMME – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Does the Department still intend to deliver 4000 resettlements out of Malaysia over four years? If not – has the Department notified the Malaysian Government?

Answer:

The Government will continue to work with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Malaysian Government to resettle refugees from Malaysia.

Refugee resettlement from Malaysia has been significant in recent years with 1346 visas granted in 2011–12 and 1350 visas granted in 2012–13. The Department expects to resettle around 1000 people from Malaysia in 2013–14.