

Question on notice no. 257

Portfolio question number: SE25-0389

2025-26 Supplementary Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator David Shoebridge: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 16 October 2025—

With the PNG Sustainable Settlement program set to end in May 2026, what permanent solutions is the Minister for Home Affairs and Department of Home Affairs considering for the refugees and people seeking asylum previously transferred there by Australia?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.4: UMA Offshore Management

SE25-0389 - Detention/Offshore - Solutions following the end of the Sustainable Settlement program

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Answer:

Since 1 January 2022, the Papua New Guinea Government has been fully responsible for individuals remaining in Papua New Guinea who were previously under the Regional Resettlement Arrangement. Ongoing support for this cohort is a matter for the Papua New Guinea Government.