



Australian Government
**Department of Immigration
and Border Protection**

Ms Toni Matulick
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Ms Matulick

I am writing in relation to the Hansard transcript from the Estimates hearing held on Monday 27 February 2017 by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, covering the Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio.

I attended this hearing as a representative of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. You will note that on page 33 of the Hansard I responded to a question by Senator McKim on the progress of assessment or vetting of Central American refugees under the Protection Transfer Arrangement, which is a mechanism under which Australia has committed to resettle a number of refugees.

At the time, I said that no individuals have been resettled to any country under the arrangement. I have subsequently received advice that a small number of individuals have been resettled to the United States. I would appreciate if the appropriate record could be made.

Yours sincerely 

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