

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/062) - Number of Tamils given negative refugee status or determinations - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 109) asked:

Senator McKIM: Could you also, as part of that, please tell us how many Tamils who have fled Sri Lanka have been given negative refugee status or determinations?

Mr Pezzullo: Over what time period?

Senator McKIM: Perhaps the last 12 months.

Mr Pezzullo: We will take that on notice. Who have fled Sri Lanka?

Senator McKIM: Who originated in Sri Lanka, perhaps.

Mr Pezzullo: Because they are two different questions. We will look at both.

Answer:

Between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016, there were 518 Sri Lankan Tamils who had their protection visa application refused (final determination after merits review).