

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/090) - Refugee resettlement -UNHCR - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 78) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Can you tell me how many refugees we have resettled in total from both Indonesia and Malaysia in the last financial year?

Mr Wilden: Do you mean those referred from the UNHCR?

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes, thank you.

Mr Wilden: Unless Mr Kukoc has that information, we would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

A total of 1 600 persons in Indonesia and Malaysia were granted visas under the 2013-14 offshore Humanitarian Programme, including 1 450 refugees and 150 persons proposed by relatives in Australia under the Special Humanitarian Programme (SHP).

Table: Visas granted to persons in Indonesia and Malaysia
in the 2013-14 offshore Humanitarian Programme by visa stream

Visa Stream			
Location	Refugee	SHP	Total visa grants
Indonesia	600	0	600
Malaysia	850 ¹	150	1 000
Total	1 450	150	1 600

¹ Includes 4 persons granted refugee visas as the immediate family members of refugees previously resettled from Malaysia. These applicants were not referred to Australia by UNHCR.