

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/171) - PNG - Refugee Status Determination - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

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

" • Of the 129 detainees who have been found to be refugees, where are these refugees now? How many have requested to leave? Why are they still being detained? What is the progress of the settlement policy being developed by PNG?

• When was the first refugee determination made? How long has this person continued to be trapped on Manus?

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Answer:

As at 25 May 2015, a total of 129 transferees had received a Ministerial Final Determination from the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Minister that they are refugees. Of the 129, 40 refugees were residing at the ELRTC, with the remainder residing at the Manus Regional Processing Centre.

Any decisions regarding the settlement of refugees in PNG, including visa conditions, are matters for the Government of PNG.