

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/097) - Statistics of refugee acceptance - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 47) asked:

CHAIR: Okay. I think I know the answer to this, but I always like to ask it and be reassured: on a per capita basis, where does Australia rate in its acceptance of refugees?

Mr Wilden: I would want to confirm. Obviously, based on the last few years, we have seen additional places offered. But we are, as I said, always in the top three. In the ratio against GDP, settlement per person against GDP, we often rate first. I will come back to you with more detail on those, on notice.

Answer:

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in 2016 Australia ranked third per capita in relation to the number of referred refugees resettled in Australia. Australia also accepts people in humanitarian need through the Special Humanitarian Programme which included over 7,200 places in 2015-16.