

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE14/355) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- How many asylum seekers are there currently in the Manus. Is OPC?
- How many of these people have been found to be refugees?
- Where are these refugees being housed? Are they still in the OPC?

*Answer:*

As at 27 November 2014, there were 1027 transferees in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Of these, 10 were determined to be refugees by the PNG Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, the Hon Rimbink Pato, on 12 November 2014.

As at 27 November 2014, these refugees remained in the Manus Offshore Processing Centre while the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority makes arrangements for the grant of refugee visas and identity documents.