

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/357) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- How many refugees in the PNG OPC have been offered resettlement by the PNG Government?
- How is the Australian Government assisting the PNG Government with resettlement procedures and arrangements?
- What progress has been made in terms of resettlement for refugees since May 2014?

Answer:

As at 27 November 2014, 10 transferees had been determined by the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, the Hon Rimbink Pato, to be refugees.

Under the terms of the Regional Resettlement Arrangement and Memorandum of Understanding, the Australian Government is providing the Government of PNG with a range of technical, financial and procedural assistance with settlement arrangements.

As at 27 November and since 31 May 2014:

- a further 101 transferees have received initial assessment notifications;
- 10 transferees have received positive final determinations; and
- the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre has been completed.