

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/358) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- What other initiatives has the Government undertaken to actively engage with PNG on the matter of resettlement and refugee status determinations?
- How many have been denied recognition of refugee status?
- Of those denied recognition of refugee status, how many are under review?
- How many have voluntarily been returned to their country of origin or place of habitual residence?
- How many have refused to be voluntarily repatriated?

Answer:

The Australian Government provides support to the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) consistent with the Regional Resettlement Arrangement.

As at 27 November 2014, no transferees in PNG have been finally determined to not be refugees.

As a consequence, there have been no voluntary returns of transferees determined not to be refugees, or refusals to be voluntarily repatriated.