

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/062) - Resettlement of people in Indonesia - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Is Australia accepting for resettlement any people in Indonesia who have family members in Australia who arrived by boat, even where those refugees were registered before 1 July 2014?

*Answer:*

It is Government policy that irregular maritime arrivals receive “no advantage” by arriving in Australia through irregular maritime means.

Humanitarian visa applicants with a spouse who arrived in Australia through irregular maritime means will not be resettled in Australia.