

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE16/067) - Children on Nauru - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

The most recent publicly available DIBP statistics indicate that there were 50 children held in the Nauru Refugee Processing Centres. Nauru's Minister of Home Affairs stated at a Committee on the Rights of the Child session in September that there are a total of 173 refugee and asylum-seeking children on Nauru, although she clarified that that number did not necessarily include children born on Nauru or Australia to refugees and asylum seekers.

What is the current number of children on Nauru who:

- have been recognised as refugees,
  - continue to be asylum seekers, and
  - fall into neither category but are the children of people on Nauru who are themselves refugees or asylum seekers?
- For each category, please also report the number of children currently housed in the Refugee Processing Centres.

*Answer:*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 122 children determined to be Refugees on Nauru. Of these, 11 were in the Regional Processing Centre (RPC) and 111 were in the Nauruan community.

As at 17 October 2016, there were 34 transferee children on Nauru, all accommodated in Nauru RPC.

As at 17 October 2016, there were 16 babies born to refugee parents, who were living in the Nauruan community.