QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(28) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 72) asked:

In relation to Indonesia and Malaysia, how many people who are found by the UNHCR to be refugees were accepted for resettlement in 2008–09 and to date in 2009–10?

Answer.

The following table shows the number of refugee category visas granted by the Department's posts in Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur during 2008–09 and in 2009–10 to 31 January 2010.

Post	Refugee category visa grants 2008–09	Refugee category visa grants 2009–10 to 31/01/10
Jakarta	33*	90
Kuala Lumpur	380	186

^{*} In addition five persons of concern were granted Subclass 449 Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) visas in 2008–09, subclass 449 grants are not counted towards the Humanitarian Program. These individuals have all subsequently received permanent Subclass 851 Resolution of Status visas in Australia, which count toward the Humanitarian category of the Humanitarian Program.