

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(108) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) What is the current number of asylum seekers believed to be in Indonesia waiting passage to Australia?
- (2) How many people found to be refugees by the UNHCR are currently in Indonesia awaiting resettlement places?

Answer.

- (1) It is not possible to know the intentions of potential asylum seekers in Indonesia and whether they intend to seek to travel to Australia.
- (2) According to the UNHCR, as at 31 January 2011, there were 767 mandated refugees in Indonesia awaiting durable solutions which could include: voluntary repatriation; local integration; or resettlement to third countries.