

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(AE14/117) PROGRAMME 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance –**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- (a) Has the Community Partnership Settlement Pilot commenced? (If not, when?)
- (b) How many applications have been received to date?
- (c) How many do you anticipate on receiving?
- (d) Will the 500 places which make up the pilot, be included in the 13750 Humanitarian program? Or will these places be in addition to it?
- (e) What level of interest has there been in the pilot from community organisations and individuals?

*Answer:*

- (a) The Community Proposal Pilot (the Pilot) commenced on 1 June 2013.
- (b) To 25 February 2014, 86 applications had been received (comprising 313 people).
- (c) The Department expects to receive up to 150 applications.
- (d) The Pilot will accommodate up to 500 places within the Humanitarian Programme of 13 750 places.
- (e) There has been considerable interest in the community sponsorship concept from a broad range of individuals and community groups. These community groups include the representatives of the Sabian Mandaean, Assyrian, Syrian Armenian, Syrian Melkite, Iraqi, Afghan, Palestinian, Burmese and African communities.