

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/289) PROGRAMME – 4.6: Refugee Status Determination for Offshore Entry Persons**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

During the November estimates in November 2013, Mr Bowles advised that processing had not yet begun for offshore asylum seekers.

Has refugee status determination since commenced for asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island?

How many asylum seekers have applied for refugee status?

How many asylum seekers have been found to be refugees? What will happen to them? What are their next steps?

How many asylum seekers have been denied refugee status? What will happen to them? What are their next steps?

*Answer:*

Matters relating to refugee status determination at Offshore Processing Centres is a matter for the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Nauru.