

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(172) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Ludwig asked:

Have any asylum seekers on Nauru been recognised as refugees yet?

Answer:

As at 27 June 2007, processing is underway for a number of these people, but no decisions have been made at this time. Two of the Sri Lankan group in Nauru were mandated as refugees by the UNHCR prior to their departure from Indonesia. Durable solutions for these two refugees are being explored by the UNHCR.