

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(25) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 110) asked:

How many people are being referred for resettlement to Australia from those locations outside Indonesia to which the Department is directing money?

Answer:

In the current program year (1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009), overseas posts have reported 2468 referrals by UNHCR for resettlement to Australia from regions (excluding Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran) where funding has been committed under the Displaced Persons Program. The number of referrals received from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran is not currently available.