

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24/05/2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0733) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Michaelia Cash (Written) asked:

In which States and Territories will the Malaysian refugees will be housed? How many will be housed in each State and Territory?

Answer:

The decision about the initial settlement location is made on a case by case basis, taking into account:

- any family or other links to Australia;
- any special needs such as ongoing special health services;
- the individual's background and strengths; and,
- locations that have appropriate services and opportunities to achieve the best possible settlement outcomes for the individual.

It is not possible to anticipate where Humanitarian visa holders might settle without knowing their background, circumstances and links to Australia.