

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 – 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0041) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 76) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: [...] What I want to know is how much we are budgeting for resettling people here, what that is each year over the forward estimates and whether you are attaching—for budgeting purposes—numbers to that to help measure what you actually need to be putting aside.

Dr Southern: Sure. We can take that on notice.

Answer:

Across the whole of Government, increasing the Humanitarian Program from 13 750 to 20 000 places in August 2013 is estimated to cost around \$150 million in 2012–13 with a potential cost impact of about \$1.3 billion over the forward estimates, of which \$432 million is for DIAC.