

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

##### **(185) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Hurley asked:

DIMIA's annual report 2003-2004, p129, stated that 11,500 offshore humanitarian program entrants were assisted and IHSS assisted 10,401 entrants out of the lot.

- who were the remaining 1,099 that were not mentioned in the report
- what form of assistance did they receive
- who provided them with orientation assistance and accommodation support
- And from which offshore area did they come from?

*Answer:*

The figure of 11,500 humanitarian entrants mentioned in the table on page 129 of DIMIA's 2003-04 Annual Report was an estimate. In the event, only 10,401 humanitarian entrants actually arrived by the close of the 2003-04 program year. All 10,401 were assisted.

DIMIA-funded on-arrival assistance was provided under the IHSS. These people would have also received assistance from a range of other Commonwealth/State/Territory government agencies.

The IHSS assistance was provided by then IHSS contractors.

The source regions for the 2003-04 Humanitarian Program are identified at page 68 of DIMIA's 2003-04 Annual Report. They are:

- Africa (70.6 per cent);
- Middle East and South West Asia (24.4 per cent);
- Europe (3.0 per cent);
- Asia (1.9 per cent); and
- Americas (0.6 per cent).