QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(40) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 49) asked:

In relation to the 55 resettled from the Oceanic Viking, when were they resettled?

Answer.

15 refugees were resettled in Australia from 19 December 2009 to 20 January 2010.

Three refugees were resettled in Norway, and departed the Emergency Transit Centre in Romania on 13 April 2010.

22 refugees were resettled in the United States, and departed the Emergency Transit Centre in Romania on 18 May (12) and 2 June 2010 (10).

Two refugees were resettled in Canada, and departed the Emergency Transit Centre in Romania on 26 July 2010.

13 refugees were resettled in New Zealand, and departed the Emergency Transit Centre in the Philippines on 19 May (7), 14 July (4) and 27 October 2010 (2). *

* We had previously been advised that all 13 refugees referred to New Zealand had completed processing and had been resettled in May and July 2010. However, on 4 November 2010 UNHCR advised us that two of the refugees remained in the Philippines until 27 October 2010. These refugees have now been resettled.