

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE11/0318) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

New onshore processing announcement: Will everyone who is found to be a refugee be given permanent protection?

*Answer:*

The Government remains committed to managing risks to the community while meeting its international obligations to provide protection to those in need.

People who are found to be refugees are eligible for the grant of a Protection visa in Australia. However, people who are found to be refugees must also satisfy health, character and security requirements before they can be granted a visa.

Alternative case resolutions are considered for people who are found to be refugees but do not meet the criteria for a visa.