

Question on Notice

No. 1399

Asked on Tuesday 6 October 2009

MR CRIPPS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (MS PALASZCZUK)—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown by region of the (a) percentage of the population classed as migrant or refugee, (b) information and assistance services provided by the department to migrants and refugees and (c) expenditure on these sessions?

ANSWER:

The initial settlement of migrants and refugees is an Australian Government responsibility.

The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship provides funding to non-government organisations across Queensland to deliver settlement support services to newly arrived migrants and refugees who have been granted permanent resident status.

Census data for migrants and refugees is sourced under overseas born population and there is no breakdown for “population classed as migrant or refugee”. The term ‘migrants and refugees’ denotes the status of immigrants on their arrival.

Based on 2006 Census data, the percentage of the Queensland population born overseas, by Department of Communities regions, is as follows:

Region	Brisbane	South East	South West	North Coast	Central Qld	North Qld	Far North Qld
Percentage	24%	24%	10.9%	16.9%	9.6%	10.3%	15.2%

Overall, 17.9 per cent (699,444 persons) of Queensland's population were born overseas.