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## **Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council 2008-2010**

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The Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council advises the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services on matters relating to the settlement of migrants and humanitarian entrants.

In its fifth term, the key areas of focus for the Council are:

- monitoring the implementation of initiatives arising from the 2007-08 budget decisions by Government in relation to humanitarian entrants
- improving the responsiveness of services across Government to the needs of migrants and humanitarian entrants
- facilitating coordination and pathways between services across Government agencies and jurisdictions
- addressing the challenges faced by new arrivals to promote their social and economic participation
- innovation, policy development and evaluation of specialised settlement services for humanitarian entrants.

### **Statement of Priorities 2008-2010**

RRAC will provide advice on the development, provision and adequacy of initial settlement services relating to, inter alia;

- housing
- complex case support
- improving collaboration between service delivery organisations in the settlement sector
- child protection including the welfare of unaccompanied humanitarian minors (UHMs)
- employment support, including skills recognition and connections with employers
- pathways from English language to education and skills development
- size and composition of the humanitarian program
- health including mental health issues
- support for youth who are at risk of disengaging from education and employment
- language support, including interpreting services
- settlement/resettlement nexus
- diversifying settlement locations, both nationally and within urban centres
- promoting the valuable contribution of migrants and humanitarian entrants
- priorities for research on settlement issues
- mobilising community and volunteer support for new arrivals
- information provision to new arrivals