

Question: What is the Minister doing to provide assistance to those persons in the Refugee Backlog?

Response: Persons, who are in the Refugee Backlog are eligible for transportation loans to bring their immediate family members to Canada, once a determination has been made to process their applications for permanent Residence in Canada. In addition to their eligibility under the Transportation Loan Program, Refugee Backlog members are also provided assistance under The Refugee Backlog Information Program. Under this program non-governmental organizations are funded to provide information to Refugee Backlog members on how the Refugee Backlog Clearance Program (RBCP) will apply to their cases, with assistance in completing the forms associated with the RBCP and in preparing to be processed under the RBCP. Once determined eligible for landing in Canada, Refugee Backlog members are eligible for services under the Immigrant Settlement Adaptation Program (ISAP) and may be eligible for benefits under the Adjustment Assistance Program and for language training.
