

Senator Mobina Jaffer questions the Government Representative in the Senate, Senator Peter Harder, on Syrian Refugees

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Question Period—Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Syrian Refugees

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The Honorable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer:

My question is also to the leader.

Leader, today is World Refugee Day in Canada, and I was wondering if you knew the status of private sponsorship of Syrian refugees.

Hon. Peter Harder (Government Representative in the Senate): I do not have the specific number for today, but along with many Canadians, I welcome what the government has done with respect to Syrian refugees.

I note that in many statements today, the refugee caregiving community, amongst others, congratulated Canadians for the work that they are doing in this area. I would be happy to make specific inquiries, as the honourable senator has asked.

Senator Jaffer: Thank you, leader. When you are making the inquiries, may I please also ask that you look into what is the holdup? I have had so many people from British Columbia, especially church groups, contacting me saying that they have applied to bring refugees, and they're still waiting, so if you can ask that.

What are future plans to bring further refugees from Syria?

Senator Harder: Thank you, senator. I will indeed add those questions to my inquiries.

Senator Jaffer: Thank you.

Biography

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