



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

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ABTISAM SOUFYAE

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Newcastle has always been a city that welcomes refugees and Jesmond, in particular, is a multicultural melting pot of cultures from across the globe.

Over the last three years, a large number of families from Syria have arrived in the area. More than half the students enrolled at Jesmond Public School speak a second language at home.

Mrs Abtislam Soufyae has been playing a vital role in supporting refugee students that attend the school.

Abtislam arrived in Australia in late 2010 from Libya with her husband and two daughters, to study her Masters degree in Leadership and Management in Education at the University of Newcastle, and had a third daughter in 2012.

Abtislam has been working as a School Learning Support Officer at Jesmond Public School for the last four years. She takes her role as a School Learning Support Officer very seriously and uses it to support many refugee children and their families.

Abtislam works closely with the teachers at the school to implement support strategies to assist refugee students in learning.

Thank you Abtislam for your great work in our community.