

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (BE14/321) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Budget Paper No. 2, page 151 \$38.4 million over five years will be saved by shutting down the Displaced Persons Program from 2013-14.

- a. On what date exactly will it cease?
- b. Who will be informed and how much notice will they receive?
- c. What does this program do exactly? Please give more detail.
- d. From which countries has this program assisted people?
- e. When did this program commence?

*Answer:*

- a. The Displaced Persons Programme (DPP) will cease by 30 June 2015 following final payments for, and completion of, current DPP projects.
- b. The cessation of the DPP was announced as part of the 2014-15 Budget. DPP stakeholders were also separately informed of the cessation of the DPP immediately after the Budget announcement.
- c. International organisations and non-government organisations (NGOs) were funded to implement projects that support the overarching objectives of the DPP which were to strengthen Australia's humanitarian profile and reduce incentives for displaced populations to travel onwards to Australia.
- d. Since 2000-2001, the department has funded projects in the following countries under the DPP: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand and Turkey.
- e. The DPP commenced in the 2000–2001 programme year.