

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Humanitarian Resettlement IDC

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked: 1) Which agencies are represented on this IDC? 2) On the list provided by PM&C why isn't DIMA listed as a member? 3) In relation to this IDC what is meant by the term 'humanitarian entrant'? 4) How many times has it met?

Answer:

1) The agencies represented on the Humanitarian Resettlement IDC were:

- The former Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA), now the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC);
- the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs;
- the Department of Education, Science and Training;
- the Department of Workplace Relations;
- the Department of Health and Ageing;
- the Department of Transport and Regional Services;
- Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- Centrelink;
- the Department of Human Services;
- The Australian Federal Police;
- AUSAid;
- the Attorney-General's Department; and
- the Department of Finance and Administration.

2) DIMA's (now DIAC's) omission from the list provided by PM&C was due to an administrative oversight.

3) For the purposes of this IDC, the term 'humanitarian entrant' referred to individuals who are resettled in Australia under the government's Humanitarian Programme.

4) The IDC met three times: 4 April 2006, 19 April 2006 and 23 June 2006.