

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(122) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What projects does DIAC fund to assist countries to deal with refugees?

Answer.

The Displaced Persons Program (DPP) administered by DIAC assists countries hosting displaced persons who may be determined to be refugees at a later date by:

- stabilising displaced populations and easing their displacement hardship; and
- finding durable solutions for the displaced (through returns, local integration or resettlement).

The DPP includes the following projects programmed for delivery in 2010–11:

- a project to support displaced Afghans through activities which provide livelihood opportunities and reintegration support in Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan;
- projects in Bangladesh and Thailand to address the dire situation of Burmese Rohingya;
- projects delivered by UNHCR and the IOM to support protection activities and deliver humanitarian relief supplies to internally displaced Sri Lankans;
- projects delivered by UNHCR, CARE Australia, and the University of NSW to assist displaced Iraqis; and
- refugee determination activities delivered by UNHCR.