

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(165) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

1) What is the current budget for the conduct of compliance activities in the department? How does the budget this year compare with the previous five financial years?

2) Has any portion of the budget allocated to compliance activities in the 2010-2011 budget been transferred to other output areas? If so, how much to each of those other output areas?

Answer:

1. The Department's compliance activities are funded under Program 4.1 Visa Compliance and Status Resolution, which contains three sub-programs Detection Onshore, Removals and Status Resolution. The Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements include an estimate for compliance activities of \$125.2 million for the financial year 2010-11.

A comparison between the current estimate and the previous five financial years' budgets for compliance activities is summarised below.

Financial Year	2005-06 \$ million	2006-07 \$ million	2007-08 \$ million	2008-09 \$ million	2009-10 \$ million	2010-11 \$ million
Departmental	79.0	108.9	117.5	131.0	123.9	116.5
Administered					7.4	8.7
Total	79.0	108.9	117.5	131.0	131.3	125.2

The decrease in departmental appropriation from 2009-10 to 2010-11 primarily relates to the completion of a one-off corporate support IT measure in 2009-10.

2. None of the budget appropriation for the financial year 2010-11 has been transferred to other DIAC outputs.