

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0101) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has two grant programs.

Diversity and Social Cohesion Program

The Diversity and Social Cohesion Program provides funding and information to help organisations create a spirit of inclusiveness and to help ensure all Australians are treated fairly regardless of their cultural background or circumstance. The program aims to promote respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for Australians of every race, culture and religion and develop the community capacity building skills of specific community groups under significant pressure due to their cultural, religious or racial diversity.

Commencing in 2011–12, the program also provides funding for Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants which provide community organisations with assistance to host multicultural arts and festivals projects, providing opportunities for Australians of all backgrounds to come together and experience different cultural traditions.

A list of all funded projects is published on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website at: www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/grants/.

Settlement Grants Program

The Settlement Grants program delivers services which assist clients and communities in the Settlement Services Target Group to become self-reliant and participate in Australian society as soon as possible after arrival.

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The Migration Review Tribunal-Refugee Review Tribunal does not make any discretionary grants.