

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0123) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 118) asked:

Has the department provided funding to intensive English language centres run by State or Territory departments of education, to assist English language development for school aged entrants of the refugee and humanitarian program in 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 to date?

Answer:

No.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) administers the English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Program, which provides funding to Catholic and independent schools to help migrant students receive intensive English language tuition.

DEEWR would be best placed to provide information regarding any funding arrangements they have in place with State or Territory Departments of Education.