

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0124) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 118) asked:

Is funding provided by government departments other than DIAC, such as DEEWR, for the English language centres, specifically for school aged entrants of the refugee and humanitarian program?

Answer:

The Department does not provide any funding to English learning centres, specifically for school-aged entrants of the refugee and humanitarian program.

The Department does not have any specific information in relation to any funding arrangements that English learning centres may have with the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and/or other government departments.

However, we can advise that DEEWR administers the English as a Second Language – New Arrivals Program, and they would be best placed to answer this question.