

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0197) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Have any DIAC outputs or spending priorities from DIAC been funded from the foreign aid budget in 2011-12, 2012-13 or in the forward estimates? On which projects and in which outcomes? At what cost?

Answer:

In 2011-12 the Department managed a large aid program, delivering a variety of activities deemed to be reportable as Official Development Assistance (ODA) totalling \$61.9 million, including:

- Assisting partner countries to improve their capacity to prevent people smuggling
- Building the capacity of developing countries in the Middle East, South East Asia and the Pacific to manage migration.
- Playing a strategic role in supporting cooperative regional initiatives to address people smuggling, people trafficking, transnational crime and border management.
- Contributions to strengthening international protection and managed migration through partnerships with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration.

In 2012-13 the reportable ODA is anticipated to be in the vicinity of \$430.0 million, including the additional activities summarised below.

- Catering for 700,000 displaced Afghans returning from Iran over the next two years
- Providing for the sustenance and care of Irregular Maritime Arrivals in Australia who are in the community either on a Bridging Visa E or under a Residence Determination.

Cost estimates for the Department's delivery of activities deemed to be ODA reportable in the forward years are being developed as part of the normal Budget process.