

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0311) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

Has any of the DIAC funding been assessed as constituting aid funding and being counted against Australia's contribution to its Millennium goals?

Answer

The Australian Government is committed to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals set by the world's nations to reduce poverty by 2015. These targets include halving extreme poverty, getting all children into school, closing the gap on gender inequality, saving lives lost to disease and protecting the environment.

The department undertakes a variety of activities that are reportable as Official Development Assistance, in line with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Development Assistance Committee directives. Although these projects would not be classified as directly contributing to the Millennium Development Goals they would have an indirect impact on meeting the targets.