

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/198) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Of the \$5.1 million dedicated to the Mutual Obligations Arrangements:  
How much will be spent on implementing compliance with the Code of Behaviour?  
How much will be spent on cultural orientation per person?  
How much will be spent on the provision of English lessons per person?  
Within the existing resources of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), where has the \$5.1 million been allotted from?  
What cuts have been made within the department to allow for this \$5.1 million?

*Answer:*

The \$5.1 million referred to in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2013-14 was to implement Mutual Obligations arrangements over four years. The department did not receive any additional funding for implementing Phase One of the Mutual Obligations arrangements. The cost of this measure has been met through internal efficiencies within the department.

In relation to cultural orientation and the provision of English lessons per person, this continues to be provided to illegal maritime arrivals on a Bridging E visa under existing arrangements.