

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Ludwig (L&CA 90) asked:

Provide details of all the arrangements with Indonesia.

Answer:

Currently funded DIAC arrangements with, and in, Indonesia are:

Training

- Funding three officials to undertake a Masters degree in Public Administration
- English language training

Document examination training

- Advanced Document Examination training in Jakarta and Bali
- Funding two officials to undertake a Diploma in Forensic Document Examination
- Post-delivered document examination training program
- Regional DIAC Document Fraud Expert based in Malaysia has ongoing liaison with Indonesian officials

Border management initiatives

- The Enhanced CEKAL System (ECS) border management alert system at five major Indonesian ports
- Funding International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to provide technical advice on immigration information systems
- Project to expand the (IOM's) network of offices in Indonesia
- Prospective Illegal Immigrants Arrangements in Transit Countries (PIATC) initiative which funds IOM to provide practical support to intercepted irregular migrants in Indonesia
- Inter-agency desktop exercise on responding to border incidents.

Other

- Funding for UNHCR to conduct more refugee status determinations
- Support for the Regional Immigration Intelligence Forum (RIIF)
- Scoping study relating to governance arrangements

Future arrangements include:

- Management and Care of Irregular Immigrants Project (MCIIP), to be implemented through IOM, to improve the level of care and support for intercepted irregular migrants in Indonesia
- Joint Indonesia-Australia taskforce to combat people smuggling