

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2009**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(47) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 59) asked:

In relation to the Displaced Persons Program, what sorts of checks and balances do we have? What sort of assurances in terms of spending on the ground? Do we have any feedback in terms of how those moneys are spent?

*Answer:*

DIAC partners with International Organisations and Australian Non-Government Organisations with demonstrated experience working on displacement issues. DIAC holds discussions with these organisations to seek feedback and engage organisations in program planning.

Projects funded through the Displaced Persons Program are evaluated individually against stated project outputs and outcomes. Projects are evaluated by DIAC through formal project reporting submitted by partner organisations, regular communication with partner organisations and project evaluation on the ground by DIAC officers at posts.