

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(106) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Humphries (L&CA 83) asked:

How much of the \$9.7 million in additional funding to counter violent extremism and the threat of home grown terrorism in the Australian community will be coming from the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio?

Answer:

None of the \$9.7 million in additional funding to target the threat of violent extremism announced by the Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, on 11 May 2010 is coming from the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio. As the Attorney-General's press release entitled *Countering Violent Extremism in our Community* indicates, the \$9.7 million is additional funding and complements a range of other initiatives including a previously approved amount of \$10.8 million over four years for the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program under the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The \$9.7 million referred to in the joint press release by the Attorney-General; the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Stephen Smith; the Minister for Home Affairs, Brendan O'Connor; and the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Chris Evans, entitled *Strengthening Australia's National Security Capacity*, does not include additional funding from the Immigration portfolio.