

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0766) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Michaelia Cash (written) asked:

With reference to Budget paper #2 2001/2012 and the People of Australia Multicultural Policy, it is stated that the \$4.7 million allocated to the Policy is a reallocation of funds from the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program and savings identified by the Australian Sports commission. Please identify the savings referred to.

Answer:

Australia's multicultural policy, *The People of Australia*, includes key initiatives which are fully costed through programs which were scheduled for completion in fiscal year 2011 or through funds, including Diversity and Social Cohesion Program funds, which can be reallocated as programs come due for completion or new priorities/target areas are determined.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) will manage the Multicultural Youth Sports Partnership Program at a cost of \$900 000 over three years. To fully off-set this expenditure, the ACS has identified minor administrative efficiencies in both its programs. These potential savings are in both staffing resources and administrative (supplier cost) arrangements.