

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0768) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services**

Senator Michaelia Cash (Written) asked:

In 2010, the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program (DSCP) grants replaced those previously funded under the Diverse Australia Program and the National Action Plan to Build on Social Cohesion, Harmony and Security community grants. The project summaries for 2010 will be available once the funding round is completed. As of 20 May 2011 no funded projects have appeared on the DIAC website. Why have no social cohesion programs been funded as at this date?

*Answer:*

Funding for the 2010-11 DSCP was assessed in two stages, the first stage closed on 31 January 2011 and the second stage closed on 31 March 2011.

As per the mandatory reporting requirements under the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines, a list of successful organisations and projects were listed on the Department's website at <http://www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/grants/> on 26 May 2011 and 22 June 2011.