

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0770) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Cash (written) asked:

An Item Objective of the Department in the PBS is "to provide grants to community organizations to build social cohesion through community relations". Money however from this program has been diverted to other programs. What services will be cut as a result of the diversion of funds?

Answer:

The DSCP does not provide funding for services to clients, rather the funding is for projects which seek to address issues relating to racism, intolerance and community disharmony. As such, no services will be cut as a result of the diversion of funds.