

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0775) Program 6.1: Citizenship Settlement & Multicultural Affairs

Senator Cash asked:

How are the funds anticipated to be spent 2011/2012?

Answer:

Further to (BE11/0774).

For the 2011/2012 period, the Department anticipates spending all of the \$400 000 budget allocation on community social cohesion projects where Pacific Seasonal Workers are currently located, and to new areas as follows:

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD - \$86 000
Swan Hill Rural City Council, VIC - \$33 091
Robinvale Network House, VIC - \$5 000

A national project currently under negotiation (\$196 000) will deliver social cohesion and community harmony outcomes to Pilot locations across Australia including areas in NSW, WA and potentially SA and NT.

The remaining \$79 909 will be spent as the need arises on small community based projects in Pilot locations around Australia that will benefit the local communities and the Pilot.

All projects will terminate at the conclusion of the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme in June 2012.