

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 – 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0452) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Manus Island: Has any of the DIAC funding been assessed as constituting aid funding and being counted against Australia's contribution to its Millennium goals?

Answer:

The costs associated with the establishment and management of the Regional Processing Centre at Manus Island are not classified as Official Development Assistance under the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's guidelines and therefore cannot be counted against Australia's contribution to its Millennium goals.