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SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES: November 2004

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(71) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

What formal measures are available to the Minister for assessing suitability of potential candidates for appointment to the Council for Multicultural Australia?

Answer:

The department provides background information about potential candidates to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs for the Minister's consideration. The Minister in turn submits his/her recommendations to Cabinet.

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(72) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

Are selection criteria used in terms of assessing the suitability of Council for Multicultural Australia appointees, and if so can the Department please supply these criteria?

Answer:

There are no formal selection criteria for assessing the suitability of Council appointees. In deciding the membership of the Council, factors taken into account include background, state of residence, links with relevant community or business organizations, and an understanding of multiculturalism.

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(73) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

(a) Does the Department make recommendations (including shortlisting) to the Minister regarding appointment of suitable candidates to membership of the Council for Multicultural Australia?

(b) If so, which of the first and second Council for Multicultural Australia members were appointed on the recommendation of the Department and which were not?

Answer:

(a) The Department does not make recommendations on candidates for membership of the Council for Multicultural Australia. The Department provides background information to the Minister on potential candidates for the Minister's consideration.

(b) N/A.

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(74) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

(a) How many times and in what locations did the first Council for Multicultural Australia meet between its establishment in 2000 and its termination in 2003?

(b) For each meeting of the first Council for Multicultural Australia between these dates can the Department provide a list of those Council for Multicultural Australia members present?

Answer:

(a)

The first Council for Multicultural Australia met eleven times (eight times in Canberra, twice in Melbourne and once in Sydney).

(b)

15-16 August 2000 (Canberra)

Mr Neville Roach (Chairman)
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Benjamin Chow
Lt Col Julian Heath
Ms Shirley Huang
Dr Chandran Kukathas
Mr Mal Meninga
Dr Helen Nugent
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

25-26 October 2000 (Sydney)

Mr Neville Roach
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Benjamin Chow
Lt Col Julian Heath
Ms Shirley Huang
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

15-16 November 2000 (Melbourne)

Mr Neville Roach
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Benjamin Chow
Lt Col Julian Heath
Ms Shirley Huang
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

9-10 May 2001 (Melbourne)

Mr Neville Roach
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Benjamin Chow
Lt Col Julian Heath
Ms Shirley Huang
Dr Helen Nugent
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

11-12 February 2002 (Canberra)

Mr Benjamin Chow (acting Chairman)
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Ms Shirley Huang
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

31 January – 1 February 2001 (Canberra)

Mr Neville Roach
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Benjamin Chow
Lt Col Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

22-23 August 2001 (Canberra)

Mr Neville Roach
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Benjamin Chow
Lt Col Julian Heath
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

13-14 May 2002 (Canberra)

Mr Benjamin Chow (Chairman)
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Lt Col Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Ms Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. Tom Stannage
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Mr Mark Tiirikainen
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

12-13 August 2002 (Canberra)

Mr Benjamin Chow
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Mr Julian Heath
Ms Shirley Huang
Ms Alice Omaji
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Prof. Tom Stannage
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Mr Mark Tiirikainen
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

28 March 2003 (Canberra)

Mr Benjamin Chow
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Mr Randolph Alwis
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Mr Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Mrs Alice Omaji
Assoc. Prof. Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Prof. George Smolicz
Prof. Tom Stannage
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Trang Thomas
Mr Mark Tiirikainen
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen
Ms Leila Abukar (acting member)

4 December 2002 (Canberra)

Mr Benjamin Chow
Mr Randolph Alwis
Assoc. Prof. Boni Robertson
Mr Julian Heath
Ms Sophia Provatidis
Prof. Tom Stannage
Ms Karen Stewart
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Dr Helen Nugent
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(75) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

- (a) How many times and in what locations has the second Council for Multicultural Australia met between its establishment in 2003 and 2 December 2004?
- (b) For each meeting of the second Council for Multicultural Australia between these dates can the Department provide a list of those Council for Multicultural Australia members present?

Answer:

(a) The second Council for Multicultural Australia has met five times, all in Canberra.

(b)

22 August 2003

Mr Benjamin Chow (Chairman)
Ms Leila Abukar
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Ms Catherine Boomer
Mr Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Mr David Peel
Ms Stavroula Raptis
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Ms Jillian Segal
Prof. Tom Stannage
Mr Yasser Soliman
Ms Karen Stewart
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen
Mr Wilson Wu

3 December 2003

Mr Benjamin Chow
Ms Leila Abukar
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Ms Catherine Boomer
Mr Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Ms Fofy Prouzos
Ms Stavroula Raptis
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Ms Jillian Segal
Prof. Tom Stannage
Mr Yasser Soliman
Ms Karen Stewart
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen
Mr Wilson Wu

2 March 2004

Mr Benjamin Chow
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Ms Catherine Boomer
Dr Helen Nugent
Mr David Peel
Ms Fofy Prouzos
Ms Stavroula Raptis
Assoc. Prof. Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Ms Jillian Segal
Mr Yasser Soliman
Ms Karen Stewart
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen
Mr Wilson Wu

1 December 2004

Mr Benjamin Chow
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Ms Catherine Boomer
Mr Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Mr David Peel
Ms Fofy Prouzos
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Ms Jillian Segal
Mr Yasser Soliman
Prof. Tom Stannage
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen (Retd)
Mr Wilson Wu

17 June 2004

Mr Benjamin Chow
Dr Mustapha Alameddin
Ms Barbra Blomberg
Ms Catherine Boomer
Mr Julian Heath
Dr Helen Nugent
Mr David Peel
Ms Fofy Prouzos
Ms Stavroula Raptis
Assoc. Prof. Boni Robertson
Dr Colin Rubenstein
Ms Jillian Segal
Mr Yasser Soliman
Ms Karen Stewart
Prof. Tom Stannage
Supt Mick Van Heythuysen
Ms Jenny Wong

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(76) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

If the members of the Council for Multicultural Australia receive remuneration, travel allowance or other monetary compensation for service to the Council for Multicultural Australia can the Department specify:

- (a) The total spend by financial year on these payments?
- (b) How much individual members have been paid?

Answer:

(a) and (b)

Remuneration – levels set according to Remuneration Tribunal determinations.

Name	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05 (year to date)
Benjamin Chow	-	-	17,484	8,361	958
Mustapha Alameddin	-	-	1,230	2,955	854
Helen Nugent	-	-	2,143	1,708	854
Julian Heath	-	-	2,460	1,708	427
Jillian Segal	-	-	-	2,135	427
Boni Robertson	-	-	1,640	427	854
David Peel	-	-	-	1,674	854
Jenny Wong	-	-	-	-	-
Mick Van Heythuysen	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Stannage	-	-	2,227	1,708	854
Wilson Wu	-	-	-	2,562	-
Colin Rubenstein	-	-	-	3,453	854
Yasser Soliman	-	-	-	2,562	854
Barbra Blomberg	-	-	3,690	1,981	854
Catherine Boomer	-	-	-	2,989	-
Fofy Prouzos	-	-	-	1,708	1,281
Karen Stewart	-	-	-	-	-
Stavroula Raptis (paid to SA Dept Education)	-	-	-	2,562	427
Leila Abukar	-	-	-	4,229	-
Alice Omaji	-	-	2,460	-	-
George Smolicz	-	-	1,640	-	-
Mark Tiirikainen	-	-	656	-	-
Randolph Alwis	-	-	2,050	-	-
Shirley Su-Lan Huang	-	-	1,640	2,050	-
Sophia Provatidis	-	-	2,870	-	-
Trang Thomas	-	-	410	1,230	-

Neville Roach	-	-	-	-	-
Chandran Kukathas	-	-	-	-	-
Mal Meninga	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	42,600	46,002	10,352

Note: Amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar. Amounts for the first two years are unavailable as these were paid under a different financial payments program.

Fares paid

Name	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05 (year to date)
Benjamin Chow	-	1,680	1,222	4,259	675
Mustapha Alameddin	-	973	1,329	2,298	675
Helen Nugent	-	487	1,837	2,307	316
Julian Heath	-	868	2,081	2,381	675
Jillian Segal	-	-	-	2,326	675
Boni Robertson	-	2,026	2,840	4,323	1,178
David Peel	-	-	-	-	-
Jenny Wong	-	-	-	761	1,313
Mick Van Heythuysen	-	6,837	8,962	8,846	2,508
Tom Stannage	-	2,923	7,320	4,307	2,318
Wilson Wu	-	-	-	5,487	2,364
Colin Rubenstein	-	1,247	2,906	2,729	890
Yasser Soliman	-	-	-	2,970	675
Barbra Blomberg	-	2,095	4,039	4,430	1,454
Catherine Boomer	-	-	-	3,958	-
Fofy Prouzos	-	-	-	-	-
Karen Stewart	-	1,302	2,012	2,970	890
Stavroula Raptis	-	-	-	5,134	1,462
Leila Abukar	-	-	1,031	1,947	-
Alice Omaji	-	4,206	6,127	-	-
George Smolicz	-	1,014	4,329	-	-
Mark Tiirikainen	-	-	-	-	-
Randolph Alwis	-	2,155	4,168	-	-
Shirley Su-Lan Huang	-	1,080	2,605	-	-
Sophia Provatidis	-	989	3,080	-	-
Trang Thomas	-	1,210	2,720	-	-
Neville Roach					
Chandran Kukathas					
Mal Meninga					
TOTAL	-	31,092	58,608	61,433	18,068

Note: Travel allowance is not paid by DIMIA. DIMIA pays for the airfares associated with attending CMA meetings and accommodation costs if the meeting is held away from the member's home base.

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(77) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

What recommendations on multicultural policy did the second Council for Multicultural Australia make to the Minister between 2003 and 2 December 2004?

Answer:

The Council does not make formal recommendations on multicultural policy. It provides input through task group and other discussions involving Council members and key departmental staff. The task groups are concerned with the Living in Harmony initiative, the Productive Diversity program, and community relations issues.

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(78) Output 2.4: Appreciation of Cultural Diversity

Senator Ludwig asked:

What recommendations on service delivery did the second Council for Multicultural Australia make to the Minister between 2003 and 2 December 2004?

Answer:

Under its terms of reference, the Council does not make formal recommendations on service delivery. It provides input through task group and other discussions involving Council members and key departmental staff. The task groups are concerned with the Living in Harmony initiative, the Productive Diversity program, and community relations issues.

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(79) Output 3.1: Indigenous Policy

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you outline the differences between the OIPC and the National Indigenous Advisory Council in relation to advice to be provided to the Prime Minister?

Answer:

The Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC) is a component of the federal Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. OIPC:

- is the primary source of advice on indigenous issues to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs;
- coordinates and drives whole of government indigenous innovative policy development and service delivery across the Australian Government;
- develops new ways of engaging directly with indigenous Australians at the regional and local level, including through:
 - Regional Partnership Agreements to customise and shape Australian Government investment in a region; and
 - Shared Responsibility Agreements at community/family/clan level;
- oversees relations with state and territory governments on indigenous issues;
- evaluates and reports on the performance of government programmes and services for indigenous people to inform policy review and development;
- communicates government policy directions to Indigenous people and the community generally; and
- manages a number of indigenous programmes and transitional services.

The National Indigenous Council (NIC) is a body appointed by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and is the primary source of expert Indigenous advice to the Government on policy, program and service-delivery issues affecting Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people.

The NIC provides direct advice to the Government to the Ministerial Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs and has access to the highest levels of Government through the Ministers on the Ministerial Taskforce and Departmental Secretaries that comprise the Secretaries Group on Indigenous Affairs.

NIC members have been appointed on the basis of their considerable success, leadership, expertise and experience in dealing with Indigenous issues at various levels.

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(80) Output 3.1: Indigenous Policy

Senator Crossin asked:

How many Indigenous people were invited to be on the Advisory Council but declined?

Answer:

The appointments process was managed by the Office of the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs in consultation with the Prime Minister's Office.