

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(190) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

DIMIA's annual report 2004-2005 p181 states that \$1.6 million was announced to fund a new Community Partners Program (CPP) to be administered by the department of ageing.

- Since its formation what initiatives has been undertaken by the management committee of the CPP?
- How is this grant been monitored to ensure positive outcome?
- What is the required outcome of the CPP?
- Is the rolling audit mentioned in page 181 going to be applied on the CPP program?

Answer:

The Community Partners Program (CPP) is the portfolio responsibility of the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). Beyond the general information provided below, questions regarding the CPP should be directed to that agency.

In response to the *Report of the Review of Settlement Services for Migrants and Humanitarian Entrants (2003)* (the Review), \$11.6 million was announced in the 2004-05 Budget to fund a new Community Partners Program (CPP) to be administered by the Department of Health and Ageing. The purpose of the program is to facilitate awareness and access to mainstream and aged care services for culturally and linguistically diverse established communities, among others, and to improve the responsiveness of mainstream services to these communities.

The CPP began on 1 January 2005. In 2005-06 the Australian Government is providing nearly \$2.4 million under the CPP program. There are 40 organisations nationwide that have received project funding under the CPP.

The rolling audit, mentioned on page 181 of the Annual Report, involved MRC/MSA and CSSS organisations. It did not relate to the CPP.