

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(199) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

In response to question 50 in the frequently asked question section of the DIMIA website, DIMIA points out that it will consider how unfunded cost for ongoing multi year CSSS grants can be resourced the remainder of the grant period. Based on this response what has been DIMIA decision in that regard and why?

- How much is the under funded cost?

Answer:

Top up funding of 25 percent of the value of ongoing Community Settlement Services grants will be provided to Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) and Migrant Service Agencies (MSAs) in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

This funding is provided in recognition that some CSSS grants have been, to a certain extent, underpinned by core funding, which will cease on 30 June 2006. It is intended to ensure that ongoing CSSS grants remain viable for their duration.

Top up funding of approximately \$1.2m will be provided in 2006-07 and \$460,000 in 2007-08.