

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(84) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to payments to UNHCR and IOM, please outline the specific reporting and accountability requirements in relation to those payments.

Answer:

Payments made to UNHCR and IOM for the delivery of activities funded by DIAC are all formally administered through funding agreements or exchanges of letters. These include requirements for regular formal and informal reporting on project delivery and funding expenditure, and the achievement of milestones which are linked to the payment of agreed instalments.

In addition, DIAC holds ongoing meetings with UNHCR and IOM representatives to discuss the progress of projects, including project management, achievement of milestones, reporting and financial matters.