

**Inquiry into the administration and operation of the
*Migration Act 1958***

**Public Hearing
29 September 2005**

Questions taken on notice – Hotham Mission

Question 1 (proof Hansard, p. 36)

Senator PARRY—I would not have ordinarily asked this but I will in light of questions asked by Senator Crossin. You mentioned state grants that you received from, obviously, the Victorian government. Do you know the title and amount of those grants? It is something we can place on notice if you do not have the information.

Ms Bowring—We had better take that on notice.

Senator PARRY—Please provide just the name of the grant or what program the grants are issued under. Thank you.

Answer

For the past 3 years, the Victoria State Government has provided emergency relief funding to not-for-profit charitable agencies working with asylum seekers in the Victorian community who are denied the right to work, Medicare or any form of income due to federal policies introduced in 1997. An allocation of \$300,000 has been provided over the past 3 years to Network of Asylum Seeker Agencies Victoria (NASAVic) and distributed by the Victorian Council of Social Services through the Department of Human Services. For more details please contact: Victorian Council Of Social Service