

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(20) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&C 59) asked:

How much funding does DIAC give to the IOM in the region?

*Answer:*

During 2009-10, an estimated amount of \$19.7m will be provided to the IOM for a variety of activities in the region.

These activities include:

- to provide care and maintenance for intercepted irregular migrants in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and East Timor;
- expanding the network of outreach offices in Indonesia;
- providing community accommodation for intercepted irregular migrants in Indonesia;
- provide assistance to support operations at Tanjung Pinang detention centre;
- a border management capacity building project in the Solomon Islands;
- a program to assist Pacific Island countries effect the voluntary return home of irregular migrants;
- an enhanced migration management project in East Timor;
- assisted passage, medical and related services for both Refugee category and Special Humanitarian Program visa applicants and entrants;
- an Australian cultural orientation program in Malaysia; and
- IOM office operations in Papua New Guinea.