

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/083) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Onshore Management**

Senator Singh (L&CA 46) asked:

Senator SINGH: What does this Displaced Persons Program do exactly?  
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Senator SINGH: From which countries has this program assisted people?

Ms Larkins: Some of the projects that we have done in the past have included Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. That is probably not a comprehensive list. I can give you a bit more detail on what we funded last year, if you like.

Senator SINGH: That would be good.

*Answer:*

The Displaced Persons Programme (DPP) seeks to strengthen Australia's humanitarian profile and reduce the incentives for displaced populations to travel onwards to Australia. International organisations and Non-Government Organisations are funded to implement projects that support these objectives.

Under the DPP the department has funded projects in the following countries:

- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand and Turkey.

In 2012-13, DPP funding was allocated between 16 projects:

- four projects in Afghanistan for displaced Afghans;
- two projects in Sri Lanka and one in India for displaced Sri Lankans;
- two projects in Jordan for displaced Iraqis;
- two projects for displaced persons, mainly Rohingya, in Malaysia; and
- one project each in India for displaced Afghans and Somalis, Thailand for displaced Rohingyas, Bangladesh for displaced Rohingyas, Pakistan for displaced Pakistanis and Indonesia for various displaced persons.