

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/322) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Where will the money from this program cessation will go?

- a. Did the Minister or Department consider re-directing the funds and keeping them within Immigration?
- b. If so, when?
- c. If not, why not?
- d. Who proposed this as a save, the Department of Immigration or the Department of Finance?

Answer:

The Displaced Persons Programme (DPP) was funded through the Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget. The cessation of the programme has contributed to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's measure ODA – reprioritised funding.

The decision to cease the DPP was considered through the 2014-15 Budget process.