

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No.23

Senator Abetz asked on notice

APHEDA funding provided by AusAID:

- a) What proportion of APHEDA's budget is contributed by AusAID?
- b) Is the Ma'an Development Centre (funded by APHEDA) heavily involved in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign.
- c) If it is involved, would AusAID reconsider its funding of APHEDA?

Answer

- a) APHEDA has advised that, according to its most recent financial audit, AusAID funds comprised 38 percent (\$2,351,211) of the organisation's total income of \$6,136,479 in the financial year 2009-2010.
- b) The Ma'an Development Centre and APHEDA have confirmed that no AusAID funds are used in any BDS activities.
- c) If AusAID believed that any of its funds were being used for the BDS campaign it would reconsider its funding to APHEDA.