

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011

Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 7

Senator Ludlam asked on notice

- a) How much funding was provided to the Burma/Myanmar Update Conference this year?
- b) What is the process by which the decision to fund this conference is made?

Answer:

- a) AusAID provided \$40,000 through grant funding to the Australian National University for the activity 'ANU Burma Update Conference 2011'. The Burma Update 2011 held at the Australian National University, 16 – 17 May 2011, brought together key Australian and international academics and commentators to examine the rule of law and the role of the media in Burma along with other issues, including international assistance. Conference proceedings will be published.
- b) In February 2011 AusAID received a proposal from the ANU seeking the contribution of grant funds for ANU's Burma Update Conference 2011. After an internal assessment, in accordance with the policies and principles of the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines, AusAID accepted the proposal, and provided the funding to the Australian National University.