

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(20) Output 1.3: Border Security

Senator Ellison (L&CA 70) asked:

What role does the Department have in Australia's regional Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Initiative?

Answer:

The Department works with government agencies in the Asia-Pacific region on a range of initiatives to strengthen border security and migration management in order to reduce irregular movements by terrorists and other trans-national criminals.

Under the Indonesia-focused Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Initiative, AusAID provided \$1.1 million to DIAC to support the Enhanced CEKAL System (ECS) project in Indonesia.