

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 February 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(37) Output: Internal Product**

Senator Minchin asked:

Provide information along the following lines:

- (1) All Appointments which have been made by Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and Ministers) to Statutory Authorities, Executive Agencies and Advisory Boards, with a brief outline of the respective appointee's credentials.
- (2) A list of all vacancies which remain to be filled by Ministerial (including Cabinet and Executive Council) appointments.
- (3) All grants which have been approved by Ministers from within their portfolio.
- (4) Requests to the Department of Finance to move funds within each portfolio.
- (5) A complete list of election promises made during the campaign and which Department is responsible for the administration of each of these commitments.

*Answer:*

- (1) Senator Minchin also asked a similar question on notice of multiple ministers, which appeared in the Senate Notice Paper on 13 February 2008 (Parliamentary Question on Notice numbers 117 to 152).
  - o Senator Evans, as Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate, will respond to this question on behalf of all ministers. Part (1) of the response to Parliamentary Question on Notice number 117 refers.
- (2) Appointments to the Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council (RRAC) for its fifth term have been considered by the Government and finalised. All ten positions have been filled. The new RRAC Chair is the Hon Bruce Baird, Chairman of the Tourism and Transport Forum.

RRAC's fifth term of operation commenced on 19 March 2008 and will continue until 30 June 2010.
- (3) As at 19 February 2008, there have been two grants approved by the Minister since December 2007:

- Approved funding of \$25,000 in January 2008 to extend a project funded in 2007-08 under the National Action Plan to Build on Social Cohesion, Harmony and Security involving a partnership between ICRA Youth Centre and IBM Australia for youth employment mentoring in Western Sydney.
- Approved funding of \$61,435 in January 2008 under the Settlement Grants Program for the Fremantle Multicultural Centre. This addressed the needs of eligible humanitarian entrants, family migrants and dependants of skilled migrants with low English proficiency through the provision of casework, referral and information services, group information sessions and advocacy to mainstream providers in the Mandurah Statistical Sub-Division.

(4) Senator Minchin also asked a similar question on notice of multiple ministers, which appeared in the Senate Notice Paper on 13 February 2008 (Parliamentary Question on Notice numbers 117 to 152).

- Senator the Hon Nick Sherry, as Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation in the Senate, will respond to this question on behalf of all ministers. Part (4) of the response to Parliamentary Question on Notice number 129 refers.

(5) Senator Minchin also asked a similar question on notice of multiple ministers, which appeared in the Senate Notice Paper on 13 February 2008 (Parliamentary Question on Notice numbers 153 to 188).

- Senator the Hon Chris Evans, as Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate, will respond to this question on behalf of all ministers. The response to Parliamentary Question on Notice number 153 refers.