

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(68) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

(1) Between 2002/03 and 2009/10 what financial support has the Australian Government provided each year to the UNHCR and IOM for refugee protection activities in the Asia-Pacific region?

(2) What plans does the Australian Government (*have*) for funding UNHCR and IOM to carry out refugee protection activities in the Asia-Pacific region in 2010/11?

Answer:

(1) Between 2002-03 and 2009-10 the Department of Immigration and Citizenship has provided financial support to the UNHCR and IOM for refugee protection activities in the Asia-Pacific region as follows:

2002-03	\$ 5.4m	
2003-04	\$ 7.9m	
2004-05	\$ 2.8m	
2005-06	\$ 3.5m	
2006-07	\$ 6.4m	
2007-08	\$ 8.2m	
2008-09	\$ 14.6m	
2009-10	\$ 6.6m	(to 31 December 2009)

(2) The Department of Immigration and Citizenship plans to continue to fund organisations to carry out refugee protection activities in the Asia-Pacific region and shall program these activities once funding has been provided through the May 2010 budget process.