

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(121) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to international projects funded by the government, either through AusAID or other agencies, what role does DIAC have in ensuring that its objectives are met? In relation to the displaced persons program how much collaboration does AusAID have with DIAC?

Answer:

Where relevant, DIAC provides advice from a portfolio perspective to AusAID and other government agencies in the design of international projects funded by the government. DIAC itself manages a number of international projects under programs such as the Displaced Persons Program (DPP) and other measures.

DIAC and AusAID collaborate on the development of the DPP through regular discussions on projects.