

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(336) Program 5.1: AMEP / Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash asked:

In response to Senator Abetz's question on 19th October it was identified that the UHM program was likely to exceed budget . Why then is the revised budget 2010-11 less than the 2009-10 budget? (see Q121 October 2010).

Answer:

The published 2009-10 budget estimate for the Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minor (UHM) Program was \$3.289 million. The final reported outcome in the financial statements in 2010-11 for the program was \$4.331 million.

There has been no reduction in the appropriation funding for the program between 2009-10 and 2010-11. The department is continuing to monitor the UHM Program in 2010-11 and will manage the budget outcomes across all programs and will revise expenditure estimates as necessary. The revised estimated outcome to manage the UHM Program in 2010-11 will be reported in the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements.