

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(343) Program Outcome 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash asked:

The Settlement Grants Program from 1/01/2010 to date shows 16 grants of \$55,000.00 each for Diverse Australia Programs. Is this a standard grant amount? If not, how does the Department allocate funding to organisations for this program?

Answer:

Funding under the former Diverse Australia Program (Program 6.1) was delivered through three streams, including:

- small community grants of up to \$5000 (plus GST)
- major community grants of between \$5000 and \$50 000 (plus GST) and
- emerging issues funding.

The community grants were awarded through an annual funding round which involved an assessment process conducted by the Department. The 16 grants referred to were all approved to the maximum amount available under the program.