

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(350) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Cash asked:

Will grants to the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia diminish as a result of the budget reduction of \$6.8 million? If so, please provide details.

Answer:

The funding reduction of \$6.8 million relates to departmental expenses for Outcome 6. The grant to the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) is an administered expense item; provision for this item in the Budget is made separately from departmental expenses. Accordingly, funding for FECCA remains unaffected.