

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28-29 MAY 2008

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(43) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay**

Senator Ellison (L&CA 100) asked:

In relation to funding for IOM and UNHCR, has there been a change to the funding for the IOM between the forward estimates in last years PBS and this year – and the same for UNHCR?

*Answer:*

**IOM:** Australia makes a yearly administrative contribution to the IOM, which in the 2008-09 PBS amounts to A\$762,000. This represents a slight increase from last year's contribution estimated at A\$747,000.

**UNHCR:** Although DIAC provides funding for specific projects, Australia's contribution to UNHCR is managed by AusAID. The contribution for 2008-09 includes A\$9.9 million of unrestricted core funding, which is an increase of \$1.6 million from last year's A\$ 8.3 million.