QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(24) Program 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 110) asked:

How much money is being directed towards those other locations outside Indonesia to settle displaced populations?

Answer.

In 2008-09 the Department of Immigration and Citizenship has committed \$16.5 million under the Displaced Persons Program to maintain protection space, identify and implement durable solutions and reduce the vulnerability of displaced persons and refugees to irregular movement. In 2008-09 funding has been committed as follows¹:

- \$2.6 million to Jordan (Austcare, CARE Australia and IOM)
- \$1.7 million to Syria (UNHCR)
- \$1.3 million to Egypt, Lebanon and Turkey (IOM and UNHCR)
- \$1.5 million to Afghanistan (CARE Australia and IOM)
- \$1 million to Pakistan (UNHCR)
- \$1.9 million to Malaysia (UNHCR)
- \$500 000 to Thailand (UNHCR)
- \$1.1 million to Bangladesh (IOM and UNHCR)
- \$1.4 million to Sri Lanka (IOM and UNHCR)
- \$800 000 to Iran (UNHCR and UNICEF)
- \$2.8 million to Indonesia (IOM and UNHCR)

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¹ Amounts rounded to nearest \$100 000