

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0144) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (L&CA 97 & 98) asked:

In relation to any asylum seekers who have returned voluntarily to their countries, to which countries have they returned and what has been the cost of the reintegration package in the 2010-11 year to date?

*Answer:*

Asylum seekers returned voluntarily to Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Vietnam.

Departmental records show \$268 091.19 in funding was provided to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to administer the Individual Reintegration Assistance program in the 2010-11 program year to 7 June 2011. Figures are provided by IOM according to the reporting dates of their processes - a figure for 23 May 2011 is not available.