

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0174) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 81) asked:

Who was involved in these discussions from Australia, from the UNHCR and from the IOM?

Answer:

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship has engaged routinely with senior representatives from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), including with the High Commissioner and Director General respectively. The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs have also had contact with UNHCR and/or IOM. Senior Australian officials from DIAC, DFAT and our diplomatic posts in Kuala Lumpur and Geneva have engaged with senior counterparts in UNHCR and IOM.