

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0713) Program 5.1: AMEP / Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 91) asked:

How much has been allocated per year for each person of the 4,000 resettled under the Malaysian humanitarian program and for what purposes?

Answer:

The measure announced in the 2011-12 Budget was for an additional 1 000 places per year for four years. The DIAC costs are predominantly settlement related costs and are consistent with the existing program costs for the Humanitarian Program. The 2011-12 costs for DIAC for the 1 000 place increase are estimated at \$16.276 million.

The funding provided in the Budget measure is for the delivery of settlement services to refugees under the Adult Migrant English Program, Humanitarian Settlement Services Program and Settlement Grants Program.

There is no fixed allocation for entitlements for each person resettled under the Humanitarian Program. DIAC related settlement costs vary and depend on factors such as the age of the individual, initial settlement location, the amount of settlement services the person requires, the support the person receives from any existing family or other links they may have in Australia, the level of support they may receive from the broader community and how quickly they make the transition into the Australian community.