QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(178) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley (L&C 98) asked:

What is the cost of the full range of services IOM delivers across the department for the past three years? Provide a breakdown into the various areas.

Answer:

The total amount paid to IOM for services to the department over the past three financial years is \$150,911,706.60.

The breakdown of this figure is as follows:

- Travel and associated costs for refugees \$18,562,192.08;
- Medical costs for humanitarian applicants \$2,478,366.39;
- Capital grant for No Interest Travel Loan Scheme for humanitarian applicants \$2,500,000;
- Cultural orientation provision for refugee and humanitarian applicants \$1,453,759.89;
- Reintegration and return packages \$6,450,352.86. This figure includes packages paid to individuals returning to their home countries where IOM facilitated the payments on the Department's behalf;
- Training and publications \$3,442.87; and
- Offshore processing centres \$119,463,592.51.

In addition the Department has funded IOM \$20,417,061.31 to provide capacity building services to other Governments in the region.