

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005**

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

**(187) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Hurley asked:

How much in funding was provided to MRCs and CSS across Australia in 2003-2004 and currently what is the amount of funding available to MRCs and CSS?

*Answer:*

In 2003-04, approximately \$8.2m in core funding was provided to Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) and Migrant Service Agencies (MSAs). In that year \$18.8m was provided to organisations funded under the Community Settlement Services Scheme (CSSS).

In the current financial year, 2005-06, approximately \$8.1m is available to MRCs/MSAs in core funding. \$21.5m in grant funding will be provided to CSSS organisations this year.