

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(237) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Bartlett asked:

Can a breakdown be provided of funding given to service providers for settlement services according to state and territory. Is funding commensurate with the intake of refugees?

Answer:

Settlement Grants Programme (SGP) funding by state and territory in 2006-07 is as follows:

| State/Territory | SGP Funding 2006-07 (\$) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| NSW | 12,676,505 |
| Victoria | 8,805,877 |
| Queensland | 3,078,844 |
| Western Australia | 2,646,688 |
| South Australia | 1,893,647 |
| Tasmania | 662,000 |
| ACT | 647,503 |
| Northern Territory | 318,935 |
| TOTAL | 30,729,999 |

The allocation of funds by state/territory is determined by a funding formula which is based on the number of humanitarian arrivals and family migrants with low English proficiency to each state. The formula also takes into account whether arrivals are settling in metropolitan or regional locations and the number of years of residence.