

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE11/0199) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (L&CA 30) asked:

Provide the specifics of departmental officials' engagement with any countries of first asylum

*Answer:*

The Department has immigration officials posted to a number of countries of first asylum. These officials engage regularly with counterpart authorities to address irregular migration.

Departmental officials also engage with countries of first asylum through multilateral fora such as the *Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime*.

The Department also provides capacity building to facilitate regular entry and improved end-to-end migration management practices in many countries of first asylum.

The Department also delivers the Displaced Persons Program (DPP) which assists transit and first asylum countries. The DPP funds projects that seek to stabilise displaced populations.