

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0071) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Singh (L&CA 125) asked:

Senator SINGH: Okay. I know we talked about a section of the department—multicultural affairs—moving out into the Department of Social Services. Will the Building Multicultural Communities Program grants continue? Perhaps it is a question for the minister. Senator Cash: I would need to take that question on notice, Senator Singh.

Answer:

Responsibility for the Building Multicultural Communities Program transferred to the Department of Social Security under the Administration Arrangements Order of 18 September 2013. The Administration Arrangements Orders are publicly available on the internet site of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Decisions on future arrangements for the Building Multicultural Communities Programme are a matter for the Australian Government.