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Media Release

SCOA comment on the 2013-14 Federal budget

The 2013-14 Federal Budget has confirmed the importance of migration to Australia, with no cuts or changes made to the Migration and Humanitarian Programs. SCOA welcomes the ongoing commitment to humanitarian protection that the allocation of 20,000 places within the Humanitarian program represents.

The increase to the Diversity and Social Cohesion fund and additional funding for improvements to infrastructure to enhance social inclusion (totalling \$15 million) announced in April is also welcomed in this Federal Budget.

SCOA congratulates SBS on securing additional funding for local content (\$10 million over five years), and additional funding of \$20 million over 3 years.

The Budget papers indicate significant savings have been identified within the Integrated Service Delivery Framework (ISDF) and changes are forthcoming to the way income support payments will be managed (which will be administered through Centrelink). SCOA looks forward to gaining a greater understanding of the changes to the ISDF when the tender is released in the coming weeks.

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