

UK Border Agency Fol 13808

1. The Home Office has awarded the International Organisations for Migration (IOM) the following amount of money in each of the last five financial years:

Financial Year	Spend
2005 - 06	£6,562,120
2006 - 07	£23,404,323
2007 - 08	£20,466,621
2008 - 09	£13,139,499
2009 - 10	£15, 693, 175

Please note:

- Total payments detailed above include expenditure that is not directly related to the specific schemes you have asked for information about, for example, the Home Office pays a yearly membership fee to the IOM as a member state.
- A number of our payments were made in US Dollars, Euros and Swiss Francs and have therefore been subject to significant currency fluctuations over the five year period.
- Total payments to IOM include funding received by UKBA for allocation to IOM from the EU Return Fund. Although made by UKBA on behalf of the EU Return Fund these payments are not made from the UKBA budget.
- Damien Green MP has initiated an investigation into the UKBA spend with the IOM in order to understand the discrepancy between the total spend with the IOM and the spend provided for the schemes listed below.

2.1 Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) Programmes

Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) programmes are available to assist those in the UK asylum system and those who are in the UK illegally who wish to return voluntarily and permanently to their country of origin (or, where admissible, to a third country).

There are two main AVR programmes:

- Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Programme (VARRP) is for those who have sought asylum and those with certain forms of temporary status in the UK
- Assisted Voluntary Return for Irregular Migrants (AVRIM) is for those migrants who have not sought asylum, but who are in the UK illegally and wish to return home

Previously two other programmes were operated which were country specific to help support the development and re-construction of Afghanistan. They were:

- The Return to Afghanistan Programme (RAP). RAP commenced in August 2002 and closed on 31 March 2008. In addition to assistance with flights and internal travel, and advice on re-integration and the availability of services (as with VARRP) RAP offered small resettlement grants as an incentive to return.
- The Explore and Prepare for Return to Afghanistan (E&P). E&P was launched in October 2003 and closed on 31 March 2008. E&P allowed some Afghans who had permanent status in the UK to return to Afghanistan to explore the option of making a permanent return. Afghans who had status in the UK could return home for up to one year, depending on their leave entitlement, without their immigration status in the UK being affected.

UKBA also chartered 44 flights to Northern Iraq from August 2005 to December 2006 for Iraqi nationals who had applied to the VARRP scheme to return to Northern Iraq.

UKBA has paid IOM the following sums for IOM services in the Programme Years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008:

VARRP

Programme Year	UKBA Funding
2005 – 2006	£5,190,292
2006 – 2007	£11,881,154
2007 – 2008	£8,977,080

*Programme year 2004/2005 - -April to July – extended
Programme year 2005-2006 onwards - August to July*

AVRIM

Programme Year	UKBA Funding
2005 – 2006	£555,453
2006 – 2007	€791,857
2007 – 2008	€976,228

Pilot 15.11.04 to 31.03.05

Programme year - April to March

AVR (VARRP & AVRIM Combined in 2008)

Programme Year	UKBA Funding
2008 – 2009	£9,980,208
2009 – 2010	£10,421,648

RAP and E&P – Closed on 31.03.2008

Programme Year	UKBA Funding
2005 – 2006	£198,423
2006 – 2007	£89,420
2007 – 2008	£75,000

Programme year - April to March

Iraq Charter Flights

Financial Year	UKBA Funding
2005 - 06	£819, 772
2006 - 07	£188,175

Please note: costs may be subject to revision and are still subject to audit. 2008 and 2009 programme final costs have yet to be agreed and with payments still being made we are unable to provide final figures.

The number of individuals returned under the AVR schemes is as follows:

VARRP

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Iraq	456	1237	1198	377	510
Afghanistan	224	437	473	353	357
Albania	592	462	305	149	89
Iran	180	249	304	226	208
Sri Lanka	226	252	249	150	98
Pakistan	60	99	216	228	265
China	9	44	123	132	290
Zimbabwe	72	99	226	109	119
Kosovo	136	162	112	78	38
India	24	22	74	76	93
Turkey	26	36	71	56	41
Algeria	25	50	99	40	28
Nigeria	12	22	45	69	52
Angola	33	55	79	28	14
Colombia	65	48	60	17	20
Uganda	31	27	53	45	37

VARRP

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
South Africa	19	34	69	35	23
Russia	26	35	56	31	11
Bangladesh	3	3	26	35	57
Georgia	17	27	39	21	18
Ethiopia	15	14	34	35	21
Vietnam	8	21	31	32	27
Sudan	4	18	44	32	19
Ecuador	40	18	33	16	8
Kenya	12	9	37	21	29
Mongolia	10	30	38	14	14
Congo DRC	5	17	37	35	16
Croatia	34	16	25	13	22
Ukraine	17	17	28	20	20
Lebanon	12	22	6	21	21
Somalia	21	14	33	15	3
Jamaica	8	16	25	18	11
Bolivia	21	12	26	4	8
Israel	11	21	18	10	6
Malawi	6	5	15	6	16
Nepal	3	5	17	15	16
Ghana	3	2	15	8	22
Cameroon	8	13	17	14	4
Sierra Leone	5	8	19	14	7
Jordan	8	12	9	18	3

VARRP

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Egypt	2	0	12	6	22
Libya	1	0	19	11	11
Moldova	6	5	14	9	9
Azerbaijan	3	15	19	5	2
Palestine	5	7	1	11	10
Ivory Coast	3	7	10	9	6
Guinea Conakry	5	2	10	6	12
Czech Republic	39	0	0	0	0
Poland	39	0	0	0	0
Latvia	13	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	11	0	0	0	0
Bosnia	3	0	0	0	0
St Vincent	1	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	1	0	0	0	0
Tanzania	3	2	13	5	7
Yemen	6	11	9	5	2
Syria	2	7	6	9	6
Macedonia	4	12	3	8	1
Armenia	3	9	3	9	0
Rwanda	5	8	3	6	2
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	6	16	1	0
Belarus	3	4	7	8	1
Gambia	1	0	7	5	5

VARRP

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Congo Brazzaville	5	4	3	3	4
Seychelles	12	0	3	2	2
Liberia	1	6	6	3	2
Burundi	3	3	4	4	1
USA	12	1	0	3	0
Serbia	0	2	8	3	3
Brazil	2	5	0	4	3
Romania	4	6	5	0	0
Chad	3	4	4	2	0
Togo	2	5	1	4	0
Malaysia	2	1	1	2	5
Cyprus	5	0	6	1	0
Nicaragua	0	0	0	10	1
Senegal	1	2	2	4	1
Kyrgistan	1	7	0	1	1
Mauritius	1	2	3	2	2
Uzbekistan	2	0	1	5	1
Kazakhstan	4	2	0	3	0
Swaziland	0	0	3	2	4
Chile	1	2	0	7	0
Peru	0	0	7	1	1
Myanmar	1	0	3	3	1
Namibia	0	0	1	1	2

VARRP

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Indonesia	0	1	2	2	1
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	1	5
Venezuela	0	1	4	1	0
Zambia	1	0	1	0	4
Morocco	1	0	2	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	2	4	0	0	0
Bahrain	0	0	5	0	0
Mexico	0	0	2	1	1
Saudi Arabia	0	0	3	0	0
Tunis	0	0	0	0	5
Trinidad & Tobago	0	1	1	1	2
Guatemala	4	0	1	0	0
Antigua	0	0	0	4	0
Botswana	0	0	1	2	0
El Salvador	0	0	3	0	0
Eritrea	0	0	1	0	1
Kuwait	0	4	0	0	0
South Korea	0	0	0	1	1
Guinea	0	0	3	0	0
Guinea Bissau	0	1	2	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	3	0
Philippines	0	1	0	1	0
Argentina	1	0	0	0	1

VARRP

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Japan	1	0	0	2	0
Benin	0	0	0	1	1
St Lucia	0	0	0	0	2
Burkina Faso	1	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	1	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	1
Cuba	0	0	0	1	0
Djibouti	0	1	0	0	0
Fiji	0	0	0	0	1
Haiti	0	0	1	0	0
Mali	0	1	0	0	0
Oman	0	0	0	1	0
St Kitts	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2720	3852	4629	2822	2820

AVRIM

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Brazil	16	195	293	340	568
Bolivia	6	28	41	78	87
South Africa	3	11	41	87	106
Jamaica	5	40	48	78	74
India	0	8	34	70	99
Zimbabwe	2	17	51	67	70
China	4	8	13	40	84

AVRIM

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Nigeria	0	4	25	45	63
Pakistan	2	12	16	40	45
Sri Lanka	3	25	19	32	30
Colombia	2	14	25	28	37
Ghana	0	3	12	35	49
Malawi	0	4	21	20	19
Mauritius	0	2	17	30	28
Ecuador	3	12	15	32	14
Malaysia	1	13	10	5	31
Kosovo	0	8	23	18	9
Uganda	0	5	21	18	23
Mongolia	0	3	10	12	22
Albania	12	17	14	6	15
Bangladesh	0	0	6	9	27
Moldova	1	4	14	30	6
Namibia	0	0	6	11	22
Georgia	3	16	11	6	5
Ukraine	4	7	21	16	7
Philippines	0	0	6	19	15
Kenya	1	1	6	8	11
Afghanistan	1	3	7	12	10
Trinidad & Tobago	1	8	8	10	11
Zambia	0	1	11	8	10
Vietnam	0	5	2	8	10

AVRIM

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
USA	0	6	5	9	6
Russia	0	7	3	7	11
Iraq	0	3	10	6	6
Angola	0	2	5	2	4
Australia	0	1	5	7	4
Algeria	1	3	5	2	5
Canada	1	3	2	6	4
Guyana	0	0	3	7	5
Paraguay	0	0	1	7	0
Seychelles	0	0	4	7	0
Mexico	1	0	0	5	3
Nepal	1	1	1	3	4
Thailand	1	2	4	2	3
Sierra Leone	0	1	0	2	3
St Vincent	0	4	0	0	0
Tanzania	0	1	2	3	5
Cameroon	0	1	1	1	2
Iran	0	1	1	0	5
Kosovo	3	7	0	0	0
Botswana	0	4	1	1	3
New Zealand	0	0	4	2	1
Swaziland	0	0	0	4	2
Turkey	0	0	2	2	3
Romania	1	1	7	0	0

AVRIM

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Benin	0	0	0	5	2
Chile	0	0	1	2	2
Gambia	0	0	2	0	4
Indonesia	0	0	3	2	1
Ivory Coast	0	0	2	3	2
Argentina	0	0	1	1	1
Belarus	0	0	2	2	3
Dominica	0	1	0	1	4
Azerbaijan	3	0	0	3	1
St Lucia	0	1	0	5	0
Venezuela	0	0	2	4	0
Congo DRC	0	0	2	3	0
Hong Kong	0	1	1	0	2
Togo	0	1	4	0	0
Croatia	0	3	0	1	0
Egypt	0	0	0	1	3
Honduras	0	1	0	2	0
Lebanon	0	1	1	1	1
Morocco	0	0	0	2	2
Myanmar	0	0	1	1	1
Peru	0	0	1	0	1
Senegal	0	0	1	1	0
Venezuela	0	3	1	0	0
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	0	2

AVRIM

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	1	2	0
Lesotho	0	0	0	1	1
Macedonia	0	1	1	1	0
Rwanda	0	0	0	1	0
Sudan	0	0	0	0	2
Uzbekistan	0	2	1	0	0
Armenia	0	0	1	1	0
Belize	0	2	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	2
Grenada	0	0	2	0	0
Jordan	0	0	0	1	0
Libya	0	0	1	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	1	0
Nicaragua	0	0	1	0	1
Somalia	0	0	1	1	0
Taiwan	0	0	0	0	2
Antigua	0	0	0	1	0
Bahamas	0	0	1	0	0
Barbados	0	0	0	1	0
Congo Brazzaville	0	0	0	1	0
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	1
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	1
Ethiopia	0	0	0	1	0

AVRIM

NATIONALITY	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Laos	0	0	0	0	1
Liberia	0	0	0	1	0
Montenegro	0	0	0	0	1
Palestine	0	0	0	0	1
Samoa	0	0	1	0	0
South Korea	0	0	1	0	0
St Kitts	0	1	0	0	0
Tunis	0	0	0	0	1
Uruguay	0	0	0	1	0
Total	82	540	951	1358	1732

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
RAP	51	31	0	0
E & P Afghanistan	13	5	7	0

When considering voluntary returns it should be borne in mind that the National Audit Office report published in January 2009 titled *'Management of Asylum Applications by the UK Border Agency'* stated that voluntary return under VARRP costs £100-£3,400 less than an enforced removal in the case of a single adult, and £1,400-£14,600 less in the case of a family. The report can be found at the following link:

http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/0809/management_of_asylum_appl.aspx

3.1 IAMA Interfaith Project

This pilot project provided multi-faith training to foreign-born religious leaders who, due to their specific cultural backgrounds and/or undeveloped language skills are unprepared for living and working in a multicultural, multi-faith environment. The project started in August 2007 and concluded in August 2008. Approximately 20 participants received the multi faith training in the UK. The Home Office contributed €20,000 to this project.

3.2 The Gateway Protection Programme

In partnership with the UNHCR, the UK Border Agency manages the UK's resettlement scheme, the Gateway Protection Programme.

Information about this programme can be found at the following link

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/asylum/gateway/>

The following table shows the funding received by the IOM from the UKBA for their services to this programme over the last 5 financial years:

Financial Year	Funding
2004 – 2005	£57,707
2005 – 2006	£307,574
2006 – 2007	£465,873
2007 – 2008	£467,475
2008 - 2009	£428,992*
2009 - 2010	£212, 881**

* The UK may be eligible to have up to 50% of the costs met by the EU through the European Refugee Fund

** This is what has been paid out to date. The budget for 09/10 is still to be agreed.

3.3 Global Calais Project

In 2006 UKBA funded a project, run by IOM, called Calais Information Campaign. The main aim was to distribute information on Assisted Voluntary Return options to migrants in Calais, Northern France.

In 2008 the project evolved into the **Global Calais Project**, with the following aims:

- Build on successes of information campaign
- Embed a sustainable number of returns from Calais
- Develop strategies for working upstream – tackle migratory flows both at source and at transit points

The following tables illustrate the funding received by the Project from the Home Office and a country by country breakdown of individuals returned year on year for the last 5 years:

Period	Funding
1st Nov 06 – 31st Dec 07	£152,670
1st Jan 08 – 31st Jan 09	£116,472
1 st Feb 09 – 31 st July 10	£948,314

Nationalities	Returns in 2007	Returns in 2008	Returns in 2009
AFGHAN	9	12	29
ALBANIAN	0		1
ALGERIAN	1	1	
ANGOLAN	2		
BOLIVIAN	0		
BRAZILIAN	7	1	
CHINESE		2	
CAMEROONIAN	1		
EGYPTIAN	3	5	6
ETHIOPIAN	0		1
GHANEAN	2	1	
INDIAN	1	3	3
IRAQI	16	59	177
IRANIAN	10	13	32
JAMAICAN	0	1	1
KOSOVAN			2
LIBYAN	5	2	1
MOROCCAN	1		

Nationalities	Returns in 2007	Returns in 2008	Returns in 2009
MOLDOVAN	1	1	1
MOZAMBICAN			1
NIGERIAN	2		1
NIGER	1		
PAKISTANI	2	1	4
RUSSIAN	1	2	
SENEGALESE		1	
SOMALIAN	1		
SUDANESE	2	2	16
SRI LANKAN	1		
SOUTH AFRICAN	1		
SYRIAN	1	1	1
TANZANIAN		1	
TCHADIAN			1
TUNISIAN		2	
UKRAINIAN	1		2
VIETNAMESE	0	1	
YEMENI			1

TOTAL	73	114	281
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3.4 Iraqi Staff 'Direct Entry' scheme

The objective of the scheme is to offer Indefinite Leave to Enter the UK as a concession outside the rules, to staff and their dependants who have been employed in Iraq by UK armed forces and civilian missions for at least 12 months from 8th August 2007 provided they met specific entry criteria. Those who availed themselves of this scheme were assisted and escorted to the UK by IOM escorts. The UKBA has only funded the scheme from 2009/10, the value of which was £454,000. This figure is to be recovered from employing departments (MOD/ FCO). To date, 112 principal applicants and their dependents have been resettled in the UK amounting to 234 individuals.

3.5 Projects focused on capacity building in third countries

The UKBA has funded a number of IOM projects in third countries that are aimed at building capacity to deal with irregular migration flows. Due to the nature of these projects and the way that many are managed from foreign posts the UKBA does not hold all of the information requested. The information that is held is shown below:

Country	Project	Funding per Year (in £ unless stated)				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Libya	TRIM (enhancement of Transit and Irregular Migration Management in Libya)			101,311		
	LIMO (AVRR for stranded migrants in Libya and Morocco)			208,563	30,000	
East Africa	Aeneas - East Africa Migration Route				EUR 575,286	
Nigeria	Strengthening Capacity of Nigerian Immigration Service		150,000	168,020	325,925	63,635

Country	Project	Funding per Year (in £ unless stated)				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Nigeria	Returns brochure and video for Nigerian prisoners				14,457	
Somaliland	Capacity Building Programme	72,000				
Somaliland	Capacity Building in Migration Management			301,266	112,806	
	Fact finding Mission	7,491				
	VAC sensitisation campaign			128,000	53,000	
	Reception for forced returns	30,331				
	Capacity building in migration management		USD 33,267			
	reintegration assistance for Zimbabweans from the UK	USD 54,767	USD 3,143			
Zimbabwe/ South Africa/ Zambia	Airlines Liaison Officers support to IOM SACTAP (Southern African Counter-Trafficking Assistance Programme) Counter Trafficking Programme			52,600		

Country	Project	Funding per Year (in £ unless stated)				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Ethiopia	Microport for Scoping Identification				10,966	
Angola	Introductory training in Migration Management				25,082	
Djibouti	Capacity Building in Migration and Borders				131,968	
Democratic Republic of Congo	Document checking and data collection equipment for border posts				225,198	
	MCDEM capacity building and sensitisation campaign in DRC and UK				272,782	
Malawi	Malawi Border control				59,000	
Uganda	-			147,600		
Sierra Leone	Technical support to improve border management controls				91,558	
Afghanistan	Reception Centre		18,805			
	MoRR Guesthouse, Jangalek			100,918	106,129	

Country	Project	Funding per Year (in £ unless stated)				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Support to artisans and trades people (project cancelled)				25,141	
	Post arrival assistance to Afghanistan (PAAN)				USD 81,069	
	Assistance to Afghan returnees for 01/05/07 to 30/04/08			USD 32,200		
	Reimbursement of costs for 01/05/08 to 28/02/09				USD 31,218	
China	Capacity Building in Migration Management			68,235		
Kyrgystan	Regional harmonisation of approach to voluntary returns - sharing best practice			4,446		
Malaysia	Illegal migration mitigation package, info campaign	103,984	-19,301			
Sri Lanka	Enhancement to border control procedures			153,061		

Trafficking prevention

31,217

Country	Project	Funding per Year (in £ unless stated)				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	assistance					
	Support for immigration enquiry management unit			19,133	19,133	
	Operation Hamelia			3,008	1,792	
Iran	Iran-UK-Iran Labour Migration Programme	USD 162,516	-USD 75,845			
France	Calais information campaign	94,710	57,960	116,472	948,314	
Turkey	Capacity Building for MM	110,983				
	AVR capacity Building				141,395	
	IOM TCM project			104,449	17,838	
Ukraine	Migration information and advice centre		USD 49,116			
Brazil	Brazil Info Campaign, encourage positive migration to UK				46,048	
*				25,853	10,294	

3.6 The Facilitated Return Scheme

The Facilitated Return Scheme, which was introduced on 12 October 2006, offers non European Economic Area foreign national offenders the opportunity to volunteer to return to their home country. This option saves the United Kingdom taxpayer the cost of detaining the foreign national beyond their custodial sentence and the costs associated with pursuing deportation through the courts. Foreign national offenders removed under this scheme are not allowed to return to the United Kingdom except in the most exceptional circumstances.

The number of foreign nationals removed or deported can be found in the Chief Executive of the UK Border Agency's letter to the Home Affairs Select Committee in February. This can be accessed using the reference number **DEP2010-0354** at the link <http://deposits.parliament.uk>