

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND

#### INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### INQUIRY INTO THE CONTRIBUTION OF SPORT TO INDIGENOUS WELLBEING AND MENTORING

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**The Chair** asked:

One final question before we finish up: you say you provide \$14.6 million to the AFL and then list some programs, some of which obviously have an Indigenous focus. Can you give us a breakdown of the funding and how it targets Indigenous communities?

**Answer:**

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) submission to the Inquiry into the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring states that \$14.6 million has been provided to the AFL and AFL affiliates from 2010-11 to 2012-13. Since the submission was provided, negotiations on the 2012-13 grants have progressed, which has led to some changes to payment schedules such as the movement of \$1.4 million for the Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre to 2013-14.

As a result of these changes to payment schedules, the funding that has been provided to the AFL and AFL affiliates through FaHCSIA from 2010-11 to 2012-13 has been revised to approximately \$13.2 million not \$14.6 million. Further details on this funding are outlined in the table below.

| State    | Project   | Organisation               | Description   | Year               | Funding (GST exclusive) |
|----------|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| National | Australian Football League National Partnership Agreement | Australian Football League | Through the Australian Football League National Partnership Agreement, funding has been provided to six participating AFL Clubs to establish partnerships with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia. The Partnership Agreement aims to support the Clubs in delivering football related activities to promote healthy lifestyle messages and encourage school attendance. | 2010-11 to 2012-13 | \$900,000               |

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|-----------------|--|---|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| National        | Community Action Grants  | Australian Football League                | Community Action Grants work to make communities safe and free from violence by strengthening communities, changing community attitudes and encouraging community responsibility.   | 2011-12 to 2012-13 | \$160,000               |
| South Australia | Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program                                      | Adelaide Football Club                    | <p>The Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program will provide opportunities for 30 senior students from the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands to be mentored by the Adelaide Football Club over 12 months.</p> <p>The program aims to support both male and female students through their senior school studies with an intensive leadership and mentoring program leading to their achievement of the South Australian Certificate of Education.</p> <p>The program will assist each student with a personal development program with a focus on South Australian Certificate of Education, preparedness and achievement. Students will graduate from the program with skills and knowledge to become role models and leaders in their community.</p> | 2012-13            | \$300,000               |
| South Australia | Rio Tinto Aboriginal Lands Challenge Cup leadership development workshop | South Australian National Football League | The South Australia National Football League will conduct leadership and education sessions for the participants from the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands and Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands in the Rio Tinto Aboriginal lands Challenge Cup.  | 2010-11            | \$24,792                |

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|                 |   |   | The program will include safe driving, decision-making, employment opportunities, gaining employment, goal-setting exercises, and relevant guest speakers.   |                    |                         |
| South Australia | Football and softball Equipment - Mimili Community  | South Australian National Football League | <p>Mimili is a Remote Service Delivery (RSD) community. Football and softball equipment for the Mimili community is an agreed community priority that has been identified in the Mimili Local Implementation Plan under the RSD National Partnership Agreement.</p> <p>The provision of funding through the South Australian National Football League has enabled purchase of softball and football equipment for the Mimili community. The purchase items include Guernseys, shorts and socks, balls, bats and other training and match equipment. Both the Mimili football and softball teams participate in the Far North West Sports League.</p> | 2010-11            | \$15,000                |
| South Australia | South Australian National Football League Coordinator in Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands | South Australian National Football League | The funding has enabled the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) to employ the Development Coordinator to coordinate all operational aspects of the delivery of the SANFL Programs in Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, including the Junior Sports Program, Senior Sports League and Parental and Community Engagement Program. The aim is to reduce substance abuse issues through sport and education.   | 2010-11 to 2012-13 | \$225,000               |

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| Northern Territory | Strength and Unity through Football                     | Australian Football League Northern Territory | The project supports the delivery of a football program in Maningrida, Yirrkala, Ngukurr, Lajamanu and Hermannsburg. It aims to provide leadership skills and Certificate 1 in Indigenous Leadership. The Indigenous trainees have been recruited for this project with the anticipation that they will begin a career in football.   | 2011-12 to 2012-13 | \$1,500,000             |
| Northern Territory | Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre  | Australian Football League Northern Territory | <p>The funding will support the construction of the Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre Construction at Marrara Football Stadium in Darwin, Northern Territory.</p> <p>The prime activity at the centre will be the delivery of residential Indigenous leadership and football programs for remote Indigenous students. The project aims to increase school participation, leadership skills development, improve education, social and health outcomes.</p> | 2012-13            | \$2,100,000             |
| Northern Territory | AFL Remote Regional Development - Wadeye and Galiwin'ku | Australian Football League Northern Territory | Funding is provided to the Australian Football League Northern Territory to establish and support Regional Development Managers in the AFL Remote Regional Development Program in Wadeye and Galiwin'ku. The Regional Development Managers were introduced with the key objective of creating a structured AFL Program that engaged community members.  | 2010-11 to 2012-13 | \$705,000               |

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| Northern Territory | AFL Remote Regional Development - Groote Eylandt | Australian Football League Northern Territory | Funding was provided to the Australian Football League Northern Territory to establish and support Regional Development Managers in the AFL Remote Regional Development Program in Groote Eylandt. The Regional Development Manager was introduced with the key objective of creating a structured AFL Program that engaged community members. | 2010-11 to 2011-12 | \$140,000               |
| Queensland         | Kids Living Safer Lives program                  | AFL Cape York Limited                         | The Kids Living Safer Lives program was funded by the Australian Government in partnership with the Queensland Government. The aim of the program was to prevent and reduce domestic violence in Cape York's Indigenous communities through a range of school holiday activities that engaged children and young people.                       | 2010-11            | \$925,000               |
| Queensland         | NPA Fostership Project                           | AFL Cape York Limited                         | Funding was provided to the AFL Cape York Limited to support the NPA Fostership Project, which provided ongoing mentoring and opportunities for parental engagement and, school and community partnerships.  | 2010-11            | \$26,617                |
| Queensland         | AFL Cape York Education and Training Facility    | AFL Cape York Limited                         | The AFL Cape York Education and Training Facility is a 48-bed facility delivered under the Employment Related Accommodation (ERA) component of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH).   | 2011-12            | \$4,700,000             |

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|                   |   |  | The facility has been established to provide education, employment and training opportunities for young Indigenous men from the Cape York, Gulf and Torres Strait regions. It was completed in January 2013 and students are now in residence.  |         |                         |
| Queensland        | AFL Cape York Education and Training Facility     | AFL Cape York Limited through the Department of Housing and Public Works | <p>Program description as above.</p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian and Queensland Governments was signed on 20 June 2012 to further building works at the AFL Cape York Education and Training Facility.</p>  | 2012-13 | \$1,200,000             |
| Western Australia | Expansion of AFL activities in the East Kimberley | West Australian Football Commission Inc                                  | <p>The project was delivered through the Western Australian Football Commission in partnership with Garnduwa Amboryn Wirnan Aboriginal Corporation.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to deliver leadership outcomes through the engagement and development of East Kimberley Indigenous people with a range of AFL activities. Garnduwa hosted an AFL Coordinator and Indigenous Trainee who provided training, Auskick workshops, carnivals and football competitions for up to 14 East Kimberley communities.</p> | 2010-11 | \$200,000               |
| Victoria          | The Long Walk                                     | The Long Walk Trust  | Funding was provided to the Long Walk Trust for "The Long Walk" and the Dreamtime at the 'G' AFL match.   | 2010-11 | \$55,400                |

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|          |  |  | The Dreamtime at the 'G' is an annual football match between Australian Football League clubs Essendon and Richmond, which aims to celebrate the contribution of Indigenous players to the AFL. The match is associated with the pre-game ritual "The Long Walk", which is a reconciliation program inspired by Indigenous former Essendon player Michael Long. Prior to the game, the participants walk from Federation Square to the Melbourne Cricket Ground to promote reconciliation. |                          |                               |
| Tasmania | Northern Tasmania Football Association Indigenous Round 2012 | Northern Tasmanian Football Association 2009-2011 and Rocherlea Football Club 2011-12. | Funding for this activity supported an Indigenous Round of Australian Rules Football that was played during the Northern Tasmania Football Association season in Launceston. The objective of the Indigenous Round is to provide an avenue for engagement and a means of support for individuals, families and communities in northern Tasmania to improve wellbeing and capability.   | 2010-11 to 2011-12       | \$ 20,820                     |
|          |  |  |  | <b>Total<br/>Funding</b> | <b>\$13,197,629</b>           |

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The Committee Chair sought information on the evaluations of the Indigenous Australian Football League (AFL) programs that are funded through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

**The Chair** asked:

Can you tell us about your evaluation of those programs—that would be good.

**Answer:**

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has in place monitoring and reporting mechanisms to continually assess program performance against required outcomes. Since 2010, FaHCSIA has also commissioned independent evaluations of two AFL funded programs, as well as a mainstream program that provides funding to the AFL to deliver services to Indigenous communities under that program.

#### Program Performance

All FaHCSIA-funded AFL programs and activities are subject to standard FaHCSIA reporting and acquittal processes, which ensure accountability against achievements, agreed milestones and/or performance indicators. The AFL and its affiliates are required to provide performance reports as part of their funding agreement with FaHCSIA. These reports are assessed by FaHCSIA to determine how a project is progressing and can provide valuable information on the success of the projects in delivering on outcomes. The level of accountability depends on the size of funding, complexity of programs and projects, and the assessed risk.

#### Independent Evaluations

In addition to the regular reporting and monitoring arrangements, independent evaluations have been undertaken of the following programs in the last three years:

- AFL Remote Regional Development Program in Wadeye
- AFL National Partnership Agreement
- Youth in Communities Program – under this program the AFL NT has received funding.

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These independent evaluations are publicly available on the FaHCSIA website:

- Evaluation of the AFL Remote Regional Development Program in Wadeye is available at [http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/Pages/afl\\_rdp\\_wadeye.aspx](http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/Pages/afl_rdp_wadeye.aspx)
- Evaluation of the AFL National Partnership Agreement is available at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/indigenous-australians/programs-services/families-children/evaluation-report-for-the-australian-football-league-national-partnership-agreement>
- Final Report of the Youth in Communities Program is available at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/indigenous-australians/programs-services/families-children/youth-in-communities>

Overall these evaluations show that AFL involvement in these programs has a positive impact in encouraging healthy and active lifestyles, building leadership skills, strengthening community cohesion, improving school attendance and engagement in some type of training, education or paid work in remote Indigenous communities.