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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Strengthening Communities Redesign

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Senator Jacinta Collins asked:

Given the new funding model for the Strengthening Communities program is broader in scope than the existing model, and given it is replacing grant programs specifically to multicultural groups (specifically the Diversity and Social Cohesion and Multicultural Arts and Festivals grants), does that mean the only specifically Multicultural programs is the funding to FECCA when you consider the body of funding the Diversity and Social Cohesion and Multicultural Arts and Festivals grant programs are being subsumed into a broader non multicultural specific pool of funding? Can the Department outline what funding will be for specific multicultural programs given the response received in the previous Senate Estimates to SQ16-000300.

Answer:

The Strong and Resilient Communities grants program will provide \$18 million per year in funding focusing on building and sustaining social cohesion and community resilience. Organisations that develop projects with a multicultural focus that relate to building socially cohesive and resilient communities remain eligible to apply for funding.