

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities**

**Question No: SQ17-000178**

**Topic: Strengthening Communities Redesign**

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**Senator Jacinta Collins** asked:

In relation to the redesign of the Strengthening Communities program, how many multicultural organisations that received funding in the last Multicultural Arts & Festival Grants funding round were consulted in this process. What feedback have they provided? Can you provide a list of which organisations have been consulted?

**Answer:**

As part of the consultation process, the Department has written to all organisations currently in receipt of funding, including those organisations funded under the most recent round of Multicultural Arts and Festivals grants, to advise them of the new Strong and Resilient Communities grants program, as well as the changes to Multicultural Arts and Festivals grants. These organisations (at **Attachment A**) also received a copy of the information paper and have been invited to provide input on the redesign and contact the Department for further information if required. As at 16 March 2017, one currently funded Multicultural Arts and Festivals grant recipient has provided input. Information has also been made publicly available on the Department's website about the changes to Multicultural Arts and Festivals grants.

**Attachment A**

No	Legal Entity Name	Project Title
1.	The Living Green Festival (ACT) Incorporated	The Living Green Festival
2.	Youth Off The Streets Limited MASCOT	Bankstown Multicultural Youth Festival
3.	Mt Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency Incorporated	REvitalise – A Refugee Film Project
4.	The NSW Spanish and Latin American Association for Social Assistance Inc.	South West Sydney Multicultural Festival
5.	Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc	Celebrating Cultures in the Manning
6.	Granville Multicultural Community Centre	Western Sydney Cultural Connect Day
7.	South Asian Muslim Association of Australia Inc.	Jashne Buzurg (Elders Festival)
8.	Council of the City of Shellharbour	Cultural Treasures Shellharbour
9.	Somali Welfare and Cultural Centre Inc	2017 Africultures Festival
10.	Afghan Fajar Association Incorporated	Celebrating Diversity-Creating Cohesion-Sharing Culture, Fun and Food
11.	Auburn Asian Welfare Centre Inc	Multicultural Fashion Street Parade and Entertainment Performance on Auburn Lunar New Year Day 2017
12.	Sunraysia Ethnic Communities Council	2017 Sunraysia Multicultural Festival
13.	Robinvale District Health Services ROBINVALE	TREE (The Ripple Effect of Ethnicities) Project
14.	Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning Program Inc.	SAIL 15th Birthday Party
15.	Fitzroy Learning Network Inc	Come Over To Our Place - a Fitzroy Learning Network community event
16.	Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights	Celebrating Muslim Women's Skills and Talents
17.	Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	Vietnamese Cultural Festivals for disadvantaged women & seniors
18.	Magwi Development Agency Australia Victoria Inc	Cultural Day Festival
19.	ACCESS Community Services Limited	Bridging Cultures
20.	Islamic Multicultural Association of Queensland Inc	Eid in the Park
21.	Toowoomba International Multicultural Society Inc.	Chinese New Year 2017
22.	Nambour Community Centre Inc	Sunshine Coast Multicultural Excellence Awards

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23.	Pacific Communities Council of Far North Queensland	Annual Pasifika Festival
24.	GOPIO Queensland Inc.	India Day Fair 2016
25.	Australian Myanmar Friendship Association of Queensland Inc.	Thingyan Cultural Festival 2017
26.	Darwin Community Arts Inc.	Festival – A Feast of Multicultural Theatre
27.	Adelaide Kurdish Youth Society Inc.	Newroz Fire Festival
28.	Multicultural Aged Care Incorporated	Multicultural Multi-faith Festival for older people from CALD backgrounds
29.	Somali Communities Council Inc	Somali Cultural Festivals and Celebrations
30.	Tasmanian Ethiopian Association (TEA) Inc	Ethiopian New Year Festival 2016
31.	Society of St Vincent de Paul WA Inc	Welcome to WA Day
32.	Midwest Multicultural Association	Diwali – Festival of Lights 2016
33.	Australian Arab Association THORN LIE	Multicultural Eid Carnival