

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0852\_11**

**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**YOUTH CONNECTIONS PROGRAMME**

With regards to the Youth Connections programme, there are 109 providers in Australia, according to the Department's website. How is each provider chosen – is it a tender process? If so, what are the selection criteria for choosing each tender? Is each provider chosen for the full 4 years of the programme? Of the 109 providers of Youth Connections, can the Department provide a list of all funding that has been granted to each provider?

**Answer**

There are 113 Youth Connections regions nationally. A Request for Tender was held in August 2009 for the Youth Connections Program and 66 different organisations were selected to deliver Youth Connections across the 113 regions. The selection criteria for the Request for Tender process were as follows:

Criterion 1

Give a detailed summary of what you or your consortium are proposing to do across the four types of service outlined in this Request for Tender to offer a continuum of services so that young people at risk can access the help they need. In answering this question you should take into consideration the service delivery expectations outlined in the draft Youth Connections Program Guidelines and this Request for Tender.

In responding to this criterion, you should outline what strategies you or your consortium will use to ensure Youth Connections services meet the needs of all eligible young people, in all parts of the nominated Service Region. You should strengthen these claims with examples and evidence of existing skills and experience including which organisation/s will deliver each of the types of service offered.

## Criterion 2

Demonstrate your or your consortium's experience in delivering the four types of service outlined in this Request for Tender. Outline against each type of service what outcomes were achieved. In your answer you must provide examples to support all of these claims and, where possible, these examples should be supported by evidence. You may list referees who can validate your claims. Your response to this criterion should demonstrate your experience working with key stakeholders in the Service Region.

## Criterion 3

Provide examples that demonstrate your or your consortium's experience working with disengaged young people, key stakeholders, services and programs in the nominated Youth Connections Service Region. Where possible include evidence to support these claims

Responses to this criterion must not exceed four (4) pages (A4 size, single sided and Arial 11 point font).

## Environmental Scan

Using the template provided as part of this Tender Response Form at Question 21, submit an Environmental Scan that demonstrates you or your consortium's knowledge of the nominated Youth Connections Service Region. The Environmental Scan should demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the regional environment. This may include information about anything that is unique or distinctive to that region and how this could impact on service delivery.

## Criterion 4

Provide a detailed outline of how your organisation and consortium members/partners/sub-contractors are structured and managed. Include any information that you feel is relevant to your or your consortium's ability to deliver Youth Connections services to all eligible young people most at risk in all parts of the Service Region.

Some states also included a state specific criterion in the Request for Tender.

The Youth Connections contracts all included an option to extend up to four years.

<b>Service Region Number</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Youth Connections Annual Service Fee (GST exclusive)</b>
ACT01	Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn	\$1,088,000
<b>ACT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,088,000.00</b>
NSW01	The Trustee for the Salvation Army (NSW) Property Trust	\$740,000
NSW02	Marrickville Community Training Centre Inc	\$623,500
NSW03	Engadine District Youth Services Inc	\$599,500
NSW04	TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute	\$655,000
NSW05	The Trustees of the Society of St Vincent de Paul	\$566,000

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	(NSW)	
NSW06	Mission Australia	\$603,500
NSW07	Marrickville Community Training Centre Inc	\$650,000
NSW08	Marist Youth Care Ltd	\$816,000
NSW09	Penrith Skills for Jobs Ltd	\$809,000
NSW10	Marrickville Community Training Centre Inc	\$841,500
NSW11	Marrickville Community Training Centre Inc	\$864,500
NSW12	Marrickville Community Training Centre Inc	\$777,000
NSW13	Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn as Trustees for CatholicCare	\$641,000
NSW14	Access Community Group Ltd	\$975,000
NSW15	Campbell Page Ltd	\$682,500
NSW16	Campbell Page Ltd	\$694,500
NSW17	Campbell Page Ltd	\$689,500
NSW18	Albury Wodonga Youth Emergency Service Ltd	\$663,000
NSW19	OCTEC Inc	\$763,000
NSW20	Mission Australia	\$755,000
NSW21	Mission Australia	\$771,500
NSW22	Mission Australia	\$716,700
NSW23	JobLink Plus Ltd	\$713,500
NSW24	EACH	\$743,000
NSW25	NORTEC Employment and Training Ltd	\$820,000
NSW26	NORTEC Employment and Training Ltd	\$850,000
NSW27	Mission Australia	\$840,500
NSW28	JobLink Plus Ltd	\$780,000
NSW29	Penrith Skills for Jobs Ltd	\$912,500
NSW30	youthconnections.com.au	\$855,500
<b>NSW TOTAL</b>		<b>\$22,412,200.00</b>
NT01	Mission Australia	\$406,715
NT02	Mission Australia	\$422,656
NT03	Mission Australia	\$412,408
NT04	Steps Disability Qld Inc	\$406,269
NT05	Steps Disability Qld Inc	\$395,952
<b>NT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,044,000.00</b>
QLD01	BoysTown	\$1,709,142
QLD02	Worklinks Inc	\$1,388,794
QLD03	Brisbane Youth Services	\$1,044,958
QLD04	BoysTown	\$1,176,208
QLD05	SCISCO Career Pathways Inc	\$1,681,431
QLD06	United Synergies Ltd	\$961,640
QLD07	Campbell Page	\$485,476
QLD08	Bundaberg Skills Centre Inc	\$1,345,393
QLD09	Downs Industry Schools Co-operation Inc (DISCO)	\$867,789
QLD10	Downs Industry Schools Co-operation Inc (DISCO)	\$350,000
QLD11	QLD Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association (PCYC)	\$781,941

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QLD12	Capricornia Training Company Ltd	\$350,000
QLD13	Community Solutions Inc	\$566,846
QLD14	IN-STeP Inc	\$722,674
QLD15	Vocational Partnerships Group Inc	\$967,539
QLD16	Capricornia Training Company Ltd	\$366,169
<b>QLD TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,766,000.00</b>
SA01	Workskil Incorporated	\$426,309.86
SA02	Baptist Care (SA) Inc	\$350,000.00
SA03	Workskil Incorporated	\$350,000.00
SA04	Workskil Incorporated	\$350,000.00
SA05	Employment Options Inc	\$396,802.82
SA06	Staeher Street Inc T/A Employment Directions	\$422,892.96
SA07	Employment Options Inc	\$288,081.69
SA08	Baptist Care (SA) Inc	\$525,219.72
SA09	Unitingcare Wesley Port Pirie Inc	\$545,785.92
SA10	Service to Youth Council Inc	\$480,597.18
SA11	Service to Youth Council Inc	\$332,704.23
SA12	Uniting Care Wesley Port Pirie Inc	\$343,605.63
<b>SA TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,812,000.01</b>
TAS01	Mission Australia	\$411,160
TAS02	Colony 47 Inc	\$416,593
TAS03	Northern Joblink Limited trading as National Joblink	\$420,848
TAS04	Northern Joblink Limited trading as National Joblink	\$414,398
<b>TAS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,662,999.00</b>
VIC01	Outer East Youth Connections	\$1,071,899.20
VIC02	K.Y.M. (Victoria) Incorporated	\$755,256.59
VIC03	Youth Connect Inc	\$532,721.35
VIC04	Youth Xpress	\$695,847.90
VIC05	Mission Australia	\$1,242,414.12
VIC06	Brotherhood of St Laurence	\$892,932.76
VIC07	Djerriwarrh Employment and Education Services Inc	\$825,855.16
VIC08	Westgate Community Initiatives Group Inc.	\$683,838.13
VIC09	Inner Melbourne VET Cluster Inc	\$331,398.14
VIC10	Westgate Community Initiatives Group Inc.	\$435,097.93
VIC11	Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE	\$525,435.98
VIC12	Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE	\$682,929.26
VIC13	Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE	\$964,942.76
VIC14	BAYSA Ltd trading as Barwon Youth	\$755,383.85
VIC15	Brophy Family and Youth Services Incorporated.	\$411,182.53
VIC16	Brophy Family and Youth Services Incorporated.	\$311,734.93
VIC17	Central Highlands Group Training Inc trading as BGT	\$284,111.62
VIC18	Central Highlands Group Training Inc trading as BGT	\$253,012.02
VIC19	Central Highlands Group Training Inc trading as	\$586,789.19

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	BGT	
VIC20	Berry Street Victoria Inc	\$478,871.75
VIC21	Berry Street Victoria Inc	\$396,007.38
VIC22	Workways Association Inc.	\$308,695.69
VIC23	Workways Association Inc.	\$383,043.68
VIC24	Mildura Rural City Council	\$383,564.47
VIC25	Central Victorian Group Training Company Limited	\$229,123.32
VIC26	Sunraysia and Murray Group Training Company Limited	\$286,298.49
VIC27	Echuca Community Education Group Inc	\$301,858.84
VIC28	St Luke's Anglicare	\$569,811.14
VIC29	Education Centre Gippsland	\$314,947.01
VIC30	Berry Street Victoria Inc	\$504,242.01
VIC31	Workways Association Inc.	\$396,680.77
<b>VIC TOTAL</b>		<b>\$16,795,927.97</b>
WA01	Regional Training Services	\$463,000
WA02	Regional Training Services	\$528,000
WA03	Communicare	\$720,000
WA04 + WA06	Regional Training Services	\$633,000
WA05	Bridging the Gap	\$882,000
WA07	Regional Training Services	\$567,000
WA08	Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre Association	\$552,000
WA09 + WA10	Wheatbelt Area Consultative Committee	\$590,000
WA11	Joblink Enterprises Ltd	\$590,000
WA12	Hills Community Support Group	\$721,000
WA13	Regional Training Services	\$464,000
WA14	Joondalup Youth Support Services	\$710,000
<b>WA TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,420,000.00</b>
<b>ALL STATES TOTAL</b>		<b>\$71,001,126.98</b>