

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 10

**Question No:** 595

**Topic:** Building Multicultural Communities Program (BCMP)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

The Newcastle and Hunter Ethnic Communities Council began upgrading their premises after being allocated \$159,217. They have spent approximately \$39,000 in total. The Department has promised to reimburse them \$4500. Why is the Newcastle and Hunter Ethnic Communities Council only receiving such a small amount of reimbursement? Why are they not receiving the full amount for what they have already spent?

**Answer:**

The department has undertaken to reimburse the organisation for \$4,985, which is reimbursement of expenditure incurred for signage, earth surveying and building approvals. The department recently received substantiating evidence and reimbursement is currently being processed.