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Senator: Senator Nova Peris OAM

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Question:

Senator PERIS: This is probably a question for the Minister. Minister, I refer to a letter dated 16 June 2015, signed by you and the then Minister for Education Christopher Pyne, which was sent to sporting, arts and cultural organisations directing them not to hold sporting carnivals or festivals in remote communities to avoid distracting children from turning up to school. How many organisations was this letter sent to?

Senator Scullion: I am not sure. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The letter was sent to 110 sporting, art and cultural organisations.