

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 1.6**

**Question No. 227**

**Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

- 1) Can you please explain the National Crime Prevention Fund?
- 2) What was the policy intent of the National Crime Prevention Fund which was included in the 2013-2014 budget?
- 3) Based on what criteria did the department establish eligibility for these grants?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- 1) The National Crime Prevention Fund (NCPF) was established by the former Government.
- 2) The policy intent of the NCPF was to support projects targeting street crime and violence in areas that experience high crime rates when compared to the rest of Australia and provide funding for diversionary activities for young people at risk of becoming involved in crime.
- 3) To be eligible for funding, an applicant organisation had to be an incorporated, not-for-profit community organisation or a local government organisation/agency.

Applications were required to address objectives in one or more of the following priority areas:

- Eligible organisations could seek funding for programs that address the societal disconnection of young people at risk of engaging in street crime by providing diversionary and educational activities to reintegrate them into society.
- Local government organisations could seek funding for security infrastructure projects, including closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras and lighting to support environmental enhancements using crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles at established trouble spots.
- Police and Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) and Blue Light organisations could seek funding to support programs that would have addressed the social disconnection of young people at risk of engaging in street crime.