Group 3

Program1.6

Question No. 229

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

1) Can you identify any organisations which received an exemption from the cuts to the NCPF?

2) If so, what has been the process around determining any exemptions?

3) How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted? What are the details?

4) Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause? In relation to exemptions what role did Prime Minister and Cabinet play?

5) Where did the initiative for an exemption for the pause come from in each case?

6) Where has the money been redirected to? What is the policy initiative of this program?

7) What are the differentiating factors between this program and NCPF?

8) Has the eligibility criteria for this new program been established?

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

1) The only grant that proceeded under the National Crime Prevention Fund (NCPF) was a grant to Youth Off The Streets, which was the only NCPF grant where a funding agreement was in place..

2) See the answer to 1) above.

3) See the answer to 1) above.

4) See the answer to 1) above.

5) See the answer to 1) above.

6) Following the completion of the review of the NCPF, the uncommitted funds from this programme were returned to the Confiscated Assets Account. They will be available to support the Government's Safer Streets Programme.

The Programme implements the Government's commitment to deliver effective solutions targeting crime hot spots and anti-social behaviour through a grants programme focused on retail, entertainment and commercial precincts.

7) The Safer Streets Programme implements the Government's commitment to deliver effective solutions to local crime hot spots and anti-social behaviour through a grants programme focused on retail, entertainment and commercial precincts.

8) Yes.