

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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Senator Humphries asked on 22 October, 2009, EEWL Hansard page 91

**Question**

*Youth Affairs*

I wanted to ask about the program that was announced today by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Youth in launching the National Conversation at Lyneham High School and something here at Parliament House. Was that event funded and run by the Office for Youth? Can you give me an idea of the cost of hosting such an event and particularly how people are invited to participate in the event?

**Answer**

This event on 22 October was funded by the Office for Youth and involved a simultaneous launch of the National Conversation. Minister Ellis attended a physical launch at Lyneham High School in Canberra and the Prime Minister was simultaneously involved in an online web chat with young people.

Costs for the launch are yet to be finalised.

The launch at Lyneham High School involved approximately forty students in years 9 and 10 who were selected by the school to participate in this event. The online launch consisted of a live web chat. Young people who participated had previously contributed to the Prime Minister's Youth Blog.