Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Nash asked in writing

Question

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland

"The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland received funding from the Australian Youth Forum too. The Network partnered with the Say Yes Australia Workplace Morning Tea Day focused on climate change and supports a price on carbon. Their website states `Say Yes Australia is a broad civil society coalition, including the Australian Youth Climate Coalition'. Other Say Yes Australia partners include the Australian Conservation Foundation; Get Up; ACTU; AYCC; Climate Action Network Australia; Greenpeace and World Wildlife Fund. • Can the dept detail the exact amount of money paid to the Youth Affairs Network of Qld. • Can the dept explain how this organisation spent the funding and if and how much went towards promoting the Say Yes Australia campaign."

Answer

The Youth Development and Support Program, administered in the Office for Youth, provided a total of \$29,096.10 (GST inclusive) in funding to the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland in 2009-10 for its *Developing Opportunity Networks for Young People with (dis) Abilities* project.

The project aimed to give young people with disabilities the skills and opportunities to contribute to their communities as active citizens.

The funding was for training and catering costs, the recruitment of a project officer, developing online networks including a website and facebook page, consultation fees and expenses, advertising, printing, stationary, creating CDs and telephone costs.

Strict accountability mechanisms were set out in the Funding Agreement concerning the use of funding, which specified that the funds provided for the *Developing Opportunity Networks for Young People with (dis) Abilities* project were to be used solely for the activities associated with this project. Promoting the Say Yes Australia campaign was not part of this project.