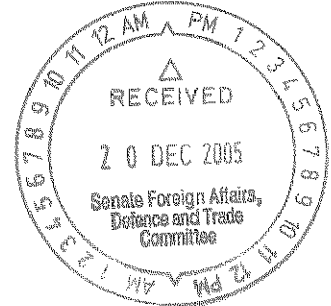




The Hon De-Anne Kelly BE MP

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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Attention: Pamela Corrigan

Dear Dr Dermody

Please find attached the Department of Veterans' Affairs responses to questions on notice nos 16 and 17 from the Budget Estimates Hearing 30 May 2005.

Yours sincerely

De-Anne Kelly MP

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Question 16

Outcome: Output 6 (Corporate)

Topic: Commemoration program

Senator Mark Bishop asked:

Can you give us a breakdown of where that \$8.6m is going to be spent in the next financial year? Is it for visits, delegations, memorials, educational material? Do we know what is going to be spent yet? (Ref. Hansard p95)

Answer:

The funding provides for a range of initiatives under the Commemorations program. Expenditure for 2005-06 is expected to be in the order of:

- 60th anniversary of end of World War II \$3.1 million
- community awareness \$1.6 million
(includes websites development, maintenance and hosting, publications, calendars, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day posters)
- commemorative projects \$1.2 million
(includes commemoration of significant wartime anniversaries, museums initiatives, market research and evaluation, and memorabilia preservation initiatives)
- Commemorations discretionary grants \$1.1 million
- Education resources \$0.7 million
(includes education resource kits, Anzac Day Schools Activities Awards, National History Challenge sponsorship)
- Commemorative visits and delegations \$0.7 million
- National Peacekeepers Memorial \$0.2 million

Question 17

Outcome: Output 6 (Corporate)

Topic: Commemoration program

Senator Mark Bishop asked:

Can you provide the Committee with a copy of the notional work program for the 2005-06 financial year? (Ref. Hansard p95)

Answer:

Work program covers the following initiatives:

- activities which promote the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II including:
 - VP Day *Salute to Veterans*
 - commemorative medallions
 - capital city, regional and electorate grants.
- community awareness initiatives, including websites development, maintenance and hosting, publications, calendars, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day posters;
- commemorative projects, including commemoration of significant wartime anniversaries, museums initiatives, market research and evaluation, and memorabilia preservation initiatives;
- Commemorations discretionary grants;
- commemorative missions and delegations to mark significant wartime anniversaries, including to Hawaii, Singapore and Hellfire Pass and by a senior Greek military representative for the Battles of Greece & Crete;
- education resources, including resource kits for all Australian schools, Anzac Day Schools Activities Awards and National History Challenge sponsorship; and
- grant towards the establishment of the National Peacekeepers Memorial.