

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

Program 1.2

Question No. 92

Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

- A. How many staff from the Attorney-General's Department were involved in processing the applications? Did this number increase due to the demands of processing the applications?
- B. What sorts of organisations/groups submitted applications? Can a list be provided?
- C. What criteria was used to determine successful applicants?
- D. What measures are in place to monitor the program?
- E. According to the Budget Measures Papers 2010-11 "The programs will focus on high-risk hotspot areas." How have these "high-risk hotspot areas" been determined?

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

- A. The Department employed 5 contractors experienced in grants assessment for an 8 day period. 2.5 staff from the Attorney-General's Department were also involved in processing grants due to the large number of applications received as well as providing additional quality assurance and policy oversight.
- B. A broad range of agencies submitted applications including: interfaith and multicultural peak bodies, religious and secular community organisations including welfare agencies and grassroots community groups, local councils, employment support agencies, and community media organisations. Successful applicants and respective project titles are:
 - Australian Multicultural Foundation – Australian Muslim Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program;
 - JobQuest – Mentoring and Resiliency Development Project;
 - Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre – Voices of Change;
 - Islamic Women Welfare Council of Victoria – Aman: Youth for Peace-Building;
 - New Australian Media – Media Makers;
 - Anglicare Sydney – Aussie Youth Connect; and
 - Hume City Council – Hume Anti-Violent Extremism Youth (HAVEY) Project
 - A list of unsuccessful applicants cannot be provided due to privacy considerations

- C. Criteria for assessing applications are contained in the grants guidelines which were available on the Department's website for the period in which applications were open. These guidelines are at **Attachment A**.
- D. Successful applicants will be required to report against their progress as well as against an evaluation framework. The department will work closely with successful applicants to ensure they remain on track to deliver activities within agreed timeframes.
- E. Focus areas have been determined based on an analysis of the risk factors that can make individuals and communities vulnerable to radicalisation and an assessment of the areas in which these risk factors are present.