

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(351) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash asked:

In August 2010, the South Australian Soccer League received a grant of \$148,000 under the Diversity and Social Cohesion program. What did this program achieve?

Answer:

The South Australian Amateur Soccer League was funded under the Emerging Issues Funding for the project "Soccer Unites South Australia" for \$135,000 and is not due for completion until February 2012.

The following project description applies for this grant:

"Develop and implement a model for establishing a long term sustainable soccer program in SA addressing issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance. The model will be made available to other sports to enable cultural inclusion across the sporting sphere. The project aims to engage numerous clubs and participants across SA."

Activities include:

- An audit of clubs identifying cultural diversity of players and volunteers, local issues and priority locations.
- Consultations with community leaders and stakeholders regarding the audit outcome and facilitating community ownership of outcomes.
- Cultural awareness training to players, coaches, administrators, parents and guardians.
- A 'buddy system' and weekly training sessions, pairing members of new and emerging communities and the broader soccer community.
- A mentoring program involving SA police, SA Equal Opportunity Commission and members of the community to engage youth, based on research into community needs and current benchmark mentoring programs.
- Drug and alcohol training, examining ways to influence and modify aggressive behaviour.
- Youth leadership training in coaching accreditation courses.

Progress

The project is still in its early stages but is progressing well.