

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Barnett (L&CA 49) asked:

Did the lifesaving association in Cronulla receive a special, one-off grant, or was it one of the community relations grants?

Answer:

As part of the former government's response to the Cronulla Riots, Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) was funded for \$600 000 in 2006-07 for the project *On The Same Wave* through the Living in Harmony Partnerships program.

The partnerships program establishes projects with major organisations and peak bodies to increase understanding and acceptance, shape positive attitudes and build on Australia's social cohesion.

Surf Life Saving Australia did not receive funding through the community relations funding program primarily because the funding decision was made outside the grants cycle, and the amount requested and provided was outside the \$50 000 limit normally attached to the Living in Harmony community grants.