

Priority	Appn ID	Org ID	Organisation	DIAC project name	Rec \$Y1	Rec Yrs	Revised \$Y1	Y2	Revised Yrs	Extra \$	NOTES
2	N08/5671	142	Mt Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency	Services under all 3 service types to African youth in Mt.Druitt and surrounding areas.	78587	2	85000		2	6413	(Top up to recommended application) As above
3	N08/5381	117	Al Zahra Muslim Women's Association Inc.	Services under all 3 service types to newly arrived Muslim women and their families in Fairfield-Liverpool SSD.	35700	1	45000		1	9300	(Top up to recommended application)Current funding levels are too low to obtain value for money in terms of service delivery. Propose increasing these part time projects to higher funding level to allow for additional day of service to be delivered in Fairfield as well as to maintain service levels in St George Sutherland.
3	N08/5382	117	Al Zahra Muslim Women's Association Inc.	Services under all 3 service types to newly arrived Muslim women and their families in St George-Sutherland SSD.	40800	1	50000		1	9200	(Top up to recommended application)As above
4	N08/5366	816	Mercy Works Inc.	Orientation to Australia for Humanitarian entrants in Fairfield-Liverpool, Blacktown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Central Western Sydney, Outer Western Sydney	143263	2	160000	163200	2	16737	(Top up to recommended application)Organisation has raised that that SGP project is being subsidised by their corporate arm to the value of 25000. Agency has established an outreach service in Wollongong. Extra funding would allow for maintenance of this outreach location and continuity of gains made from the previous funded period.
5	N08/5747	229	Auburn MRC	Orientation and Integration services focusing on employment to newly arrived family stream and humanitarian entrants in Auburn SLA.	86871	1	96871		1	10000	(Top up to recommended application) Pilot project was previously managed by May Murray Neighbourhood Centre, who have established an excellent group of mentors from a wide variety of high profile employer organisations. Additional funds are recommended to resource/provide on going support in maintaining this pool of mentors so as to ensure that gains made through the previous pilot are not lost in the transfer of this project to AMRC,

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6	N08/5309	1588	Angels of Mercy Welfare Services Incorporated	"Africans with a difference". The project will focus on supporting newly arrived migrants and refugees from Africa in the Western Sydney Region.	0	0	80945	105000	1	45000	<p>Provision of a choice in service delivery options by diversifying the range of service delivery organisations delivering services to the Sudanese community maybe a positive strategy. This organisation has close links to the Coptic orthodox church and is a Sudanese Coptic community organisation however also delivers services to South Sudanese Muslims and Christians as well. The service is currently financed through donations and operates through a volunteer network. They currently provides a mobile service aimed to help newly arrived migrants and refugees from Southern Sudan within the Western Sydney Region. They also deliver domestic violence awareness information sessions to the community and family support sessions to the community. Would benefit from access to Government funding to maintain/expand their services. The organisation has links to the Blacktown Anglican church, Nepean Migrant Access (SGP funded organisation), and Blacktown MRC (SGP funded organisation)</p> <p><b>Conditions to be imposed:</b> Funding is offered on the condition that the applicant creates and maintains a Project Steering Committee which meets monthly and comprises of relevant agency staff, the agency's Management Committee members and DIAC. The Steering Committee will be created so as to ensure effective delivery of project outcomes and to ensure that accountability requirements are met and progress in meeting these outcomes are closely monitored</p>
7	N08/5757	181	Immigrant Women's Speakout Association of NSW	Orientation to Australia, Developing communities and Integration Services to newly arrived non-humanitarian women in Western Sydney	0	0	70000	0	1	70000	Currently there are no women's generalist services operating in Sydney. The NSW SGP service delivery network would benefit from such an organisation that has specialist knowledge on domestic violence and family law issues and is able to resource women's groups and organisations who provide support to female new arrivals. IMS is a community-based organisation, managed by women of non-English speaking background.
8	N08/5648	67	The Australian National Committee on Refugee Women (ANCORW) Co-operative Ltd	ANCORW Refugee Women's Development and Advocacy Training	0	0	50000	0	1	50000	This project will facilitate the expansion of the successful ANCORW's women's advocacy model to include Iraqi and Burmese humanitarian entrants.

<b>Total Priority One Applications</b>	\$ 165,648
<b>Total Top Ups</b>	\$ 45,994
<b>Total additional applications</b>	\$ 165,000
<b>Total Additional (08/09)</b>	\$ 386,642

**Additional grants for recommendation should extra SGP funds for 2008-09 funding round be available – Priority Order**

<b>Org Name and ID</b>	<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Requested amount (Year 1)</b>	<b>Brief project description</b>	<b>Argument for funding</b>
Centre for African Australian Women's Issues (2774)	V08/5370	\$188, 7740	Settlement support and capacity building for African women and their families	Recommended application funding to be increased from <b>\$50,000</b> to <b>\$80,000</b> for 1 year
Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) (347)	V08/5531	\$82,502	Provision of housing assistance and information to newly arrived migrants and refugees on the private rental market in the Eastern Region of Melbourne	No other housing project (pilot) for humanitarian entrants funded by any organisation in this region.  <b>Recommendation for the amount requested (\$82,502)</b>
* The Song Room (2712)	V08/5574	\$63,613	Specialised music/performing arts education programs designed to assist new arrived 5-17 year olds  Project in Inner Melbourne at Collingwood English Language School.	The project would be complimentary to any integration services provided by other SGP funded agencies in Inner Melbourne. It will address the lower comparative levels of funding provided to agencies in Inner Melbourne  <b>Recommendation for the amount requested (\$63,613)</b>
* Gippsland Multicultural Services (807)	V08/5273	\$80,000	Access to mainstream services and community development for humanitarian entrants: mainly Sudanese in La Trobe Valley and Karen in Wonthaggi; also dependants of skilled migrants from Nigeria and Zimbabwe	Anecdotal reports indicate that during the last 18 months there have been approximately 300 Sudanese secondary migrants. <b>Recommendation for \$40,000 funding</b> to boost current post IHSS support to Karen entrants settling in Wonthaggi

The Song Room and Gippsland Multicultural Services recommendations are on par re: relevance and importance



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A copy of the reply to Tom.

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Regards

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Tom,

There is no formal record.

I am sure of the discussion, because it was with me. I may have some notes taken for my own purposes if these would be of any use (which I doubt).

Happy to discuss.

Cheers

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Protective Mark

Thanks Kate. Saw you (on-line) at Estimates.

Is there any record of the discussion between the DIAC officers and the Parliamentary Secretary?

Tom

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Statement regarding discussion with the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Laurie Ferguson, on the subject of the Settlement Grants Program 2008-09, 2 May 2008

Provided as supporting documentation to the ANAO Audit of the Settlement Grants Program

Provided by Kate Pope, A/g Deputy Secretary, Client and Corporate Services Group, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (at the time in question, First Assistant Secretary, Citizenship, Settlement and Multicultural Affairs Division)

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As part of a discussion about a range of issues in his area of responsibility (Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services) which took place on 2 May 2008, the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Laurie Ferguson, raised some issues relating to the Settlement Grants Program (SGP) and some community organisations.

He was concerned about the representation of more secular, liberal and progressive organisations funded to deliver settlement services under the SGP alongside those which might be more traditional or overtly religious. He was also concerned about the availability of services for some minority groups including the Chaldean community and Lebanese Christians.

The notes I made during that conversation are attached and list groups including Lebanese Maronites, Lebanese Christians, Lebanese Welfare and Arab Welfare. My notes also make reference to Yugoslavs – I recall the issue here related to whether a pan-Slavic organisation could in fact deliver services to Bosnians, Croats etc, or whether more likely it would service one ethnic group.

With reference to the Lebanese/Arab groups, at the time of the conversation I was not aware which projects Mr Ferguson's comments related to, as the ethnic community composition in Western Sydney is very complex.

I passed Mr Ferguson's concerns on to the then Deputy State Director in NSW responsible for settlement and multicultural issues, Mr Jose Alvarez. Mr Alvarez advises that he took these concerns into account and identified the projects which related to the issues Mr Ferguson raised. These were considered along with other information and priorities in reaching a decision on which projects to recommend for funding.

At no time during this conversation, or subsequently, did Mr Ferguson direct me to ensure a particular outcome in the funding round, nor did he raise specific projects he wanted to see funded. He did not mention whether the organisations were in his electorate or not – I understood we were discussing concerns relating to the Western Sydney region.

I was not in any way pressured or coerced to deliver any particular outcome. It was a general conversation about his concerns, which stemmed from his deep and insightful knowledge of the issues affecting various Islamic and Christian community groups in Western Sydney.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Pope', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kate Pope

Acting Deputy Secretary  
Client and Corporate Services Group

20 March 2009

**Statement regarding the Settlement Grants Program 2008-09, provided by José Alvarez, State Director Victoria (formerly Deputy State Director NSW responsible for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services in NSW).**

My recollection in relation to the recommendations for funding under the Settlement Grants Program (SGP) for the Lebanese and Arabic groups is as described in Ms Kate Pope's statement of 20 March 2009.

The issues raised by the Parliamentary Secretary were valid and related to the services available in the Western suburbs of Sydney as well as the composition of the Lebanese and Arabic groups, established communities as well as recent arrivals, for the region.

The needs of these communities, the capacity of the organisations in the area to provide services to these communities as well as what services existed in the region guided my assessment as to what would be recommended for funding. We have not and do not base our decisions on electoral boundaries. I did not discuss these recommendations with the Parliamentary Secretary.

The challenge we always face in formulating our recommendations is to ensure we balance the broader needs of the Lebanese and Arabic communities (and in fact all communities) to those needs that directly relate to their settlement experience in a disadvantaged area of Sydney,

José Alvarez  
State Director - Victoria

23 March 2009

100 Professor

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News Release

↳ Essendon Football Club

speeches

- James Topp "All our people"

- substance

SGP

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workers good

Lebanese Maronites (official rep of church)

\* Christians Federation

help. Welfare

↳ problems

Yugoslavs — pan Slav group

help. Comm. Welfare — all religions

Arabs Welfare

Business leadership /

HR, etc) live support

National conference

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Burmese locations

Tanzania - Bhutanese

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\* Issues summary on MRC-SA  
Eugenia  
- data points

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Women's issues

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Thank you Kate.

I have not yet heard back from the Auditor General about releasing a revised extract from the draft report. I will follow-up.

Tom

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Mr Metcalfe

Thank you for meeting with us earlier this week in relation to this audit. In light of the information provided and the statements from Kate Pope and Jose Alvarez, we have prepared a document which is, to all intents and purposes, a proposed report for the audit. Given the sensitivities of the matters discussed at our meeting, the Auditor-General has asked that we provide you with an informal copy of this document for you to have a quick look at before we send over the formal proposed report.

For convenience we have called the informal document an 'Issues Paper' so as not to invoke the provisions of our Act relating to proposed reports. The Issues Paper will be delivered to you this afternoon.

We will commence our final internal clearance process for the proposed report next Friday (3 April). If you do have any comments on the Issues Paper we would need them by that time –there will also be the standard opportunity for formal (and informal) comment during the 28-day period for the proposed report

regards

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**AUDIT-IN-CONFIDENCE**

Hi Tom

Just a quick message to let you know that we will be making some comments on the Issues Paper.

I understand the deadline for these is this Thursday.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Kate

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Hi Kate: further to my 'phone messages from last Friday and this morning - I am following up Mr Metcalfe's letter, of last Thursday, which stated that there are 'some particular phrases of concern' in paragraphs 3.45-3.46 of the Issues Paper for this audit report. I'd appreciate you getting back to me on precisely which phrases are 'of concern' beyond those specified in the letter itself. We are trying to finalise the proposed report, for despatch to your department and I would appreciate your advice as soon as practicable – tomorrow will really have to be our cut off time.

Thanks

Tom

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