

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

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**Question No. 52**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:**

With reference to page 106 (sic 107) of the Annual Report regarding the National Community Crime Prevention Programme website:

[http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/ncphome.nsf/Page/National\\_Community\\_Crime\\_Prevention\\_Programme](http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/ncphome.nsf/Page/National_Community_Crime_Prevention_Programme)

(a) Can the Department please explain why for the web page entitled *Forty-one Community Safety projects funded in latest round of National Community Crime Prevention Programme* as at 26 October 2006 a list of those projects funded under the Community Safety (sic Stream) was not listed on the website, as was the case with each of the other streams?

(b) Can the Department please supply a list of the same, with summary of grant winner, value of grant, synopsis of project etc.

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

(a) The web page entitled *Forty-one Community Safety projects funded in latest round of National Community Crime Prevention Programme* provides a link to a list of those projects funded under the Community Safety stream in Round 3 of the National Community Crime Prevention Programme. The list was published on the website on 18 September 2006, the day the grants were announced, and remains available at the following the web address:

<http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/ncphome.nsf/Page/RWP12AB97CD6C78D70ACA2571E800823B1D>

(b) The following projects received funding in the third round of grants made under the Community Safety Stream of the NCCPP:

**Albany Youth Support Association Inc - \$150,000 (WA).** The *Open Access Youth Arts Studio* project will involve the establishment of an art studio targeting at risk young people aged 13 and over with a history of substance use, mental illness, homelessness, and experiences of social exclusion. Sessional artists will be employed to work with young people to develop their artistic skills and facilitate self expression. The project will also include the employment of a youth worker who will provide referrals to appropriate treatment, family mediation, life skills development, community support and relationship building.

**Anglicare Southern Queensland - \$140,714 (QLD).** The *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Roma* project is a school based early intervention mentoring program. The project will target young people aged seven to 17 years who are at risk of entering, or have entered, the criminal justice system. These young people will be matched with a professionally screened and trained adult volunteer who will spend time with the young person and share activities and interests within a supervised school environment.

**Armidale Dumaresq Council - \$150,000 (NSW).** The *Girraween Community Cottage* project will employ a community development worker in a public housing area in Armidale. There is a high

incidence of assault and domestic violence, with drug and alcohol issues identified as major contributing factors. The focus of the project will be to work with the community to identify local issues and develop effective strategies.

**Association for the Blind of WA Inc - \$28,500 (WA).** This *Safe Without Sight* project will involve eight weekly sessions involving activities such as aikido supervised by trained instructors, educational presentations on crime prevention by police and self-defence workshops.

**Australian Vietnamese Women's Welfare Association - \$150,000 (VIC).** The *Viets Do Sports* project, involving sports training and community education, is aimed at the Vietnamese community, particularly young people living in Melbourne's west. Its focus is to prevent and reduce crime by developing youth resilience and pro-social behaviours and by improving Vietnamese people's awareness of, and support for, crime prevention.

**Banyule City Council - \$150,000 (VIC).** The *MoOVing Award* project aims to enhance social connectedness and understanding between local young people (nine to 18 years) and the community, particularly with residents, traders, police and the Olympic Village Leisure Centre, through recreation and leisure opportunities.

**Bayside City Council - \$150,000 (VIC).** The *Graffiti Awareness Education Program for Bayside Schools* project will educate students in Year Five (10-11 year olds) and Year Eight (13-14 year olds) on the personal and crime-related consequences of graffiti. It will involve the delivery of a dramatic performance which will be reinforced within five weeks of the first performance to increase the impact of the program with students.

**Caloundra City Youth Partnership - \$143,631 (QLD).** The *Early Support Program* will aim to reduce the risk factors associated with criminal and anti-social behaviour in young people aged 10 to 13. The project will involve a community partnership providing case management and family support to young people who are demonstrating dysfunctional behaviour at school (e.g. truancy and suspension) or criminal behaviour in the community.

**City of Casey - \$150,000 (VIC).** The *Underage Binge Drinking Education Program* aims to educate secondary students about underage and binge drinking and the consequences of these behaviours. The program aims to influence attitudes and reduce the incidence of criminal behaviour linked to alcohol use.

**City of Gosnells - \$32,600 (WA).** The *Thornlie Square Precinct Crime Prevention* project will aim to address a high incidence of minor crime in the immediate vicinity of a successful skate park near to major community facilities. The project will involve a design review of the precinct with an aim of "designing out" crime, and will also fund youth workers to address local crime prevention issues.

**City of Greater Bendigo - \$73,232 (VIC).** The *Safe Shuttle Proposal* aims to establish a bus shuttle service within Bendigo's Entertainment Precinct to transport nightclub patrons within and around the precinct. The goal of the initiative is to reduce the level of migration and subsequent anti-social behaviour and improve the capacity of the taxi industry to disperse crowds as quickly and orderly as possible. The Safe Shuttle project will also include an education component targeting nightclub patrons aimed at improving the standard of behaviour within and around the precinct.

**City of Stonnington - \$150,000 (VIC).** The *Graffiti Awareness Education Program* will educate students in Year Five (10-11 year olds) and Year Eight (13-14 year olds) on the personal and crime-

related consequences of graffiti. It will involve the delivery of a dramatic performance which will be reinforced subsequently to increase the impact of the programme with students.

**Community Broadcasting Association of Australia - \$86,500 (NSW).** *Older, Safer and Bolder* is a community education and capacity building project for older people in regional communities in New South Wales that plans to combine radio broadcasts and educational packages with community contact to increase awareness of crime prevention strategies and support services.

**Community Solutions Inc - \$149,700 (QLD).** The *TourSmart Hervey Bay* project aims to address crime perpetrated against tourists to Hervey Bay by increasing awareness of relevant safety issues. The project will involve a broad public education program that will assist tourists and tourism operators to obtain a better understanding of methods to maximise personal, financial and property safety. It will be supported by local community strategies to reduce crimes against visitors to the region.

**Community Technology Centres Association - \$122,000 (NSW).** Through a network of technology, information and resource centres called Community Technology Centres, the *Safe Cyber Communities* project will aim to increase the public awareness of online crime prevention. It will target children, parents and seniors in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW.

**Council On The Ageing (South Australia) Inc - \$130,102 (SA).** The *Safety for Seniors* project aims to promote safety and security strategies for older people. Volunteer peer education and community radio announcements will be used to reach people over the age of 50 years including culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Making older people feel safer living within their own community will also be prompted by informing people of available support service.

**Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc - \$149,705 (WA).** The *Multicultural Crime Prevention* project will develop a DVD which provides socio-legal information to newly arrived migrants, refugees, people on temporary visa including overseas students and professionals. The DVD will provide crime prevention information in different languages with the aim of reducing the language barrier and improving people's awareness of their rights and responsibilities.

**Family Child Care Services Central Coast - \$148,265 (NSW).** The *Partners in Parenting* project will involve a mentoring program for vulnerable families which focuses on building relationships, supporting parents by building capacity, and decreasing the incidence of family violence. A training program will be developed for mentors to enable them to work with vulnerable families on the issues they face. This training program will be made into a package available for other services.

**Greater Taree City Council - \$150,000 (NSW).** The *Safer Community – Taree* project aims to build capacity and empower various sectors of the community from business to individuals. The project will develop a local campaign on crime prevention issues addressing alcohol abuse and domestic violence. Forums will be conducted and resources developed and distributed providing home protection information and educating young people on the impact of shoplifting. A safety audit will also be conducted.

**Home-Start National Inc - \$150,000 (NSW).** The *Navigating Fatherhood – A Guide To Parenting For Dads* project is a parenting course for incarcerated young fathers who are experiencing difficulty in their parenting role. The project aims to lessen the effect incarceration of a father has on the lives of children, including difficulties at school and offending behaviour, by re-establishing and improving child/parent communications. The program includes a 10-week course to enhance the parenting skills of these fathers.

**Hornsby Shire Council - \$146,000 (NSW).** The *Including and Involving Young People in Public Malls* project will aim to modify anti-social behaviour, decrease the incidence of criminal behaviour and increase the amenity for all users of the Hornsby Mall. The Council's Youth Outreach Team will work with key stakeholders to positively engage young people who use the mall facilities. A series of events and initiatives will be designed to support a protocol of acceptable behaviour at the mall. The project will also involve the installation of appropriate infrastructure and a support network to assist with crime prevention initiatives.

**Illawarra Ethnic Communities Council - \$128,700 (NSW).** The *Kids Making Choices* project will assist young people to understand and identify values that are important to them and society, to set personal goals and to develop positive habits when making choices and decisions. The project consists of a two day workshop program focusing on developing positive habits and living by principles. An interactive art program will be used to explore and express artistically, values and choices. Outdoor activities will be facilitated by the Police and Community Youth Club in Wollongong.

**Investing in our Youth Inc - \$99,976 (WA).** The *Linking Education and Families* project is aimed at providing opportunities and support to families and children in six school catchment areas. The aims of the program are to support families in recognising that early child development is a priority for future well being; to connect families to appropriate early intervention services, and to work with families and children in their homes and communities to ensure children are ready for school. The program involves a positive engagement framework based on Family Partnership Training and includes home visiting services and a Play Café for parents at kindergartens.

**Kangaroo Flat Community Group Inc - \$98,163 (VIC).** The *Enough is Enough* project aims to improve perceptions of safety within the community, strengthen community support networks, engage young people, improve relations between police and residents and reduce property crime, family violence and antisocial behaviour. A community reference group will be established and a community worker will be employed to coordinate these activities. Programs that will be delivered include parenting programs, sessions with men discussing violence and abusive behaviour, and personal development courses for young people to improve self-esteem.

**Kensington Police and Community Youth Centre - \$134,318 (WA).** *Teaching Youth Road Education* is a comprehensive driver training and road safety program for disadvantaged clients, young offenders and those perceived to be at risk of offending. The aims of the project include the reduction/prevention of criminal activity of young people with respect to motor vehicles including driving offences and car theft. The project will also improve opportunities for obtaining employment.

**Lead On Australia Ltd - \$148,653 (QLD).** The *Your NICK.ed* project is a community-led initiative connecting schools, police, youth, service providers and the wider community. The program will educate youth, parents, youth sector professionals and senior Australians about 'Stranger Danger' when using the internet, up skill local professionals to become program facilitators and provide ongoing information and advice to the local community.

**Mission Australia - \$148,257 (NT).** The *Community Safety Through Family Participation* project helps young people and their families understand the implications of involvement in the juvenile justice system and the behaviour which led to it. It provides skills and support on entry to 'the system', during involvement, and later to help break the cycle of offending behaviour.

**Mission Australia - \$150,000 (NSW).** *Linking Lifetimes* is a preventative, early intervention mentoring program designed to assist adolescents who live with grandparents, kinship carers or

foster carers. The project will complement the existing Custodial Grandparents program that operates from Mission Australia's Nowra Centre and will build emotional resilience in and teach communication and relationship skills to these adolescents through mentoring.

**Northern Rivers Social Development Council Inc - \$149,041 (NSW).** The *Elder Abuse Prevention* project will develop a framework for identifying, responding to and intervening in situations where older people are considered at risk of abuse. The project also aims to enhance the capacity of an existing crisis telephone service for identification and referral of abuse and build the capacity of service providers and the community to deal with situations of elder abuse. The project will involve the implementation of a community awareness campaign to raise awareness and support of older people at risk of abuse.

**Power Neighbourhood House - \$15,000 (VIC).** The *Secure Homes Safer Neighbourhoods* project will adopt a multi-layered approach to decrease property crime, increase community perceptions of safety and provide support for low income earners to improve home safety. The project will involve home safety audits. This will be followed by subsidised improvement work completed through a work-for-the-dole project. This work will be led by a qualified builder providing support and training to local people.

**Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre - \$29,315 (NSW).** *Positive Pathways* is a recreation and education based project that will engage young people in and around Raymond Terrace. The project will offer a range of activities including aerosol art projects on legal walls, the development of music videos, a skateboard design project (culminating in a community skate event hosted by participants), and anger management counselling incorporating drug and alcohol education. The project will also refer participants to relevant TAFE courses.

**Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Victoria - \$150,000 (VIC).** The *Russian Community Crime Prevention* project works with Australian-Russian families to discourage criminal behaviours such as domestic/family violence. The project also aims to reduce fear of crime, facilitate activities to strengthen youth to withstand criminal influences and improve community safety, especially for the older Russian community.

**Shire of Coolgardie - \$105,000 (WA).** The *Engaged Youth – Engaged Community* project is a collaborative program between the Shire of Coolgardie, local community groups and government agencies. The project will focus on youth and their families living within the Shire to help them overcome specific social problems which lead to youth crime and drug dependency. The key objective is to engage the community's young people in meaningful community projects which will work to enhance relationships between families and the wider community.

**Shoalhaven City Council - \$133,106 (NSW).** The *There's No Excuse for Abuse* project aims to reduce the incidence of violent crime by spreading the message that "There is No Excuse for Abuse". Groups in the community will be encouraged to spread this message and concept through focus groups, art/poster competitions and a comprehensive media campaign.

**Streetwize Communications - \$60,478 (NSW).** *Be a Real Artist – You're a Dag if You Tag* will aim to engage, divert and up-skill young people involved in illegal graffiti practices and convey to them the high cost of graffiti to the community. The project will comprise a 13 week workshop series in which young participants will develop art pieces. The project will also include the development of a peer prevention resource on the issue of graffiti.

**Tamworth Regional Council - \$5,000 (NSW).** The *Domestic Violence Resource File* project aims to engage the community through the provision of a reader friendly, supportive and discrete information source for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - \$150,000 (QLD).** The *Creating Resilient Children* project aims to equip primary school-aged children with the knowledge and skills to avoid sexual abuse, stranger danger and engaging in anti-social behaviour. Primary school students from Ipswich schools will participate with their parents in groups on protective behaviours, keeping children safe, anger management and social skills. Three such groups per school term are planned. Information and tip sheets on the topics will also be distributed.

**Townsville and District Education Centre Ltd - \$150,000 (QLD).** The *Juvenile Empowerment and Development Initiative* will assist young people aged 10 to 14 to make positive choices and increase their connection and support network within the community. The aim is to address risk factors that lead to later offending. The project will involve mentoring, personal development programs and camps incorporating recreational and personal development elements.

**Victorian Arabic Social Services - \$150,000 (VIC).** *No Excuse for Family Violence* will inform, support and assist newly arrived families from Arabic speaking backgrounds to understand, avoid and resolve family violence in a culturally sensitive and appropriate framework. The project will also establish partnership arrangements between VASS and other domestic violence agencies to ensure on-going benefits to the community.

**Young Media Australia - \$147,746 (SA).** The *Reducing Reel to Real Violence* project will develop resources and an early intervention program to encourage minimisation of exposure to violent media. The resources will be provided to parents of children under the age of seven, who attend childcare, preschool and junior primary centres in the Adelaide metropolitan area. The resources will be developed to help reduce the likelihood of exposure to violent media. The resources will also be distributed to local libraries and media outlets.

**YWCA Victoria - \$115,054 (VIC).** The *Girl Power: Young Women's Self Protection & Leadership Program* aims to build individual resilience, personal safety, self-confidence, assertiveness, and communication skills amongst young women. Group-based early intervention, self-protection and leadership programs will be delivered to young women aged 15 to 23, focusing on protective behaviours, self-esteem and assertiveness in relationships, problem solving, personal motivation and awareness of and links to support services.