

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 10

**Question No:** 597

**Topic:** Building Multicultural Communities Program (BCMP)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

How and when was the decision made to award some organisations a portion of reimbursement for costs incurred?

Who was responsible in this decision making process?

**Answer:**

The decision to award some organisations reimbursement was based on whether organisations advised they had already incurred expenditure in preparing for their planned projects and/or had already entered into commitments for their grants projects, before they were advised of the decision to reduce the scope of the programme. Decisions regarding reimbursements of costs have been made following the reduction in the scope of the programme.

The Department has reimbursed some organisations on the basis outlined above.