

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

**Outcome Number:** 11

**Question No:** 382

**Topic:** Building Multicultural Communities Program

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Brown** asked:

Recent reports have suggested that community groups that have already received grants under the Building Multicultural Communities have been warned the money may be withdrawn.

1. Is the \$4.55m allocated to the BMCP program under review?
2. Are there plans to withdraw funding, either for unallocated funds or for money already allocated in grants?
3. What has been communicated to groups that have received grants for the current financial year about the status of those grants?

**Answer:**

1. The total value of this programme was \$14.29m. The Government is currently reviewing all grants spending for consistency with Government priorities and commitments. As at Thursday 5 December 2013, this review is still ongoing.
2. See answer to Question 1.
3. Organisations that have made contact with the Department about this programme have been informed of the grants review.