

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000838

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Australian Youth Forum

Question

In relation to the Australian Youth Forum:

- a. When does/did funding for the Australian Youth Forum cease?
- b. In each of the last five years, how much funding has been provided to the forum by the Department?
- c. What were the objectives, purpose and work plan of the forum before it was dissolved?

Answer

- a. Funding for the Australian Youth Forum (AYF) programme ceased on 30 June 2015, however funding from this programme for the sponsorship of the Young Australian of the Year and the National Awards for Local Government was transferred to other Government departments to administer.
- b. Actual expenditure of the AYF programme over the past five years is outlined below.

	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015
Youth Engagement					
Australian Youth Forum	\$1.696m	\$1.227m	\$1.561m	\$0.725m	\$0.167m

- c. The AYF appropriation provided funding towards a number of youth engagement initiatives, including sponsorship of the Young Australian of the Year Award, the National Awards for Local Government and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Heywire initiative. The aim of the AYF was to promote and support participation and engagement of young people (15–24 years) in government, civic and local community activities.