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Senator: Senator Glenn Lazarus

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Question:

Senator Scullion: Perhaps, without verballing you, I think what the senator is looking for is how much we spent on the Learn Earn Legend—and it has for some time ceased being a program—and how much money was allocated to similar sorts of programs with the NRL. I think on notice, we can come up with that—this is what we used to spend on it when it was Learn Earn Legend, here is the whole suite of different programs and different things. In a very similar vein to the Learn Earn Legend that we have now done under IAS, I am happy to provide that on notice if it can help.

Answer:

Learn Earn Legend! (LEL!) does not have its own budget appropriation. It is not a programme but a brand used by a number of sporting codes and organisations to promote a unifying message for Government initiatives which encourage Indigenous Australian youth to finish their education and connect to the economy.

LEL! projects were funded through programmes in the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). The use and branding of LEL! was optional. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) no longer uses this branding. Some providers have continued to use the brand.

Attachment A contains a list of active projects that were branded under the LEL! Initiative and the amount of funding expended as at 16 June 2015.

Attachment B contains a list of former LEL! providers that have been successfully funded under the IAS grant round for similar projects.

ATTACHMENT A – Projects funded under the LEL! brand, as at 16 June 2015

Provider Name	Activity Name	Start Date	End Date	Activity Description	Approved Cost (GST Inclusive)	Spent Funds (GST Inclusive)
New South Wales Rugby Union Limited	LEL NSW Rugby School to Work Transition	26-Mar-12	30-Jun-15	NSW Rugby Union Learn Earn Legend School to Work Pathway Program across Sydney metro and Central West NSW regions.	\$616,000	\$567,000
Souths Cares PBI Limited	Nanga Mai Marri - Souths Cares - LEL	04-Jul-11	30-Jun-15	Indigenous School to Work Pathway program with Souths Cares	\$472,000	\$461,000
National Rugby League Limited	NRL LEL - School to Work Pathways - Western Sydney	19-Sep-11	30-Jun-15	200 Indigenous students supported through the Learn Earn Legend Western Sydney School to Work transition program.	\$1,741,635	\$1,628,200
Queensland Rugby Union Limited	QLD Reds 2013-2015 LEL! Project	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-15	The QLD Reds provide mentoring and aspiration building activities to 70 Yr 12 students in 2013/14 & 50 Yr 12 students in 2014/15 to improve retention and achievement levels.	\$924,000	\$658,300
Titans 4 Tomorrow Limited	Titans Beyond Tomorrow 2013-2014 LEL! Project	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-15	Titans assist 180 Yr 12 students in 2013-14 and 120 Yr 12 students in 2014-15 by providing mentoring, aspiration building and placement into employment or higher education post Year 12.	\$2,310,000	\$1,901,250
Brisbane Broncos Rugby League Club Limited	Brisbane Broncos 2013-2015 LEL! Project	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-15	The Broncos provide mentoring and aspiration building activities to 148 Yr 12 students in 2013/14 and 80 Yr 12 students in 2014/15 to improve retention and achievement levels	\$1,755,600	\$1,315,600
Cowboys Rugby League Football Limited	Cowboys - Learn to Earn Project	21-Mar-14	30-Jun-15	The project delivers 30 guaranteed employment places within the rural and hospitality sectors for participants in the Townsville, North Qld and NT regions.	\$297,000	\$147,138
Take Pride Program Limited	Take Pride 2013-2014 LEL! Project	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-15	Take Pride assist a total of 114 Yr 12 students by providing mentoring and aspiration building support and placement into employment or education post completion of Year 12.	\$877,800	\$653,700
Cowboys Rugby League Football Limited	Cowboys 2013-2015 LEL! Project	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-15	The Cowboys mentor and support up to 286 participants complete school and transition into an education or employment pathway.	\$2,267,200	\$1,831,150
Evonne Goolagong Foundation	Evonne Goolagong Foundation 2013 Project	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-15	The Department supports the Evonne Goolagong Foundation with transition funding under LEL!	\$656,250	\$626,250
Tennis Australia	Indigenous Tennis Development Program	01-Jan-12	31-Mar-15	This project is aimed at young Indigenous Australians becoming involved in tennis and offers expert coaching and training environments to those children who stay at school.	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club	Melbourne Storm - LEL Transition funding 2013	30-Aug-13	30-Jun-15	LEL! transitional activity for Melbourne Storm to continue the Be the Hero and Mentoring programs, and also plan for continued youth activities post July15.	\$220,000	\$150,000

ATTACHMENT B – List of former LEL! Providers that have been successfully funded under the IAS grant round for similar projects.

#	Project Details
1	Brisbane Broncos Rugby League Limited - Brisbane Broncos Mentoring Program, Brisbane and Ipswich regions has been funded for \$962,500 (GST inclusive) over 2.5 years. This project will mentor Indigenous Year 12 students in the outer regions of Brisbane, with the aim of increasing school attendance, improve educational outcomes, ensuring a transition to further training and education and an increase in school attendance.
2	Cowboys Rugby League Football Limited - Learn Earn Legend! Thuringowa, QLD has been funded for \$880,000 (GST inclusive) over 2.5 years. This project aims to utilise sport to encourage 300 year 10, 11 & 12 Indigenous children and youth to stay at school, get an education and participate in the workforce.
3	New South Wales Rugby Union - Learn Earn Legend Program, Sydney and Central West has been funded for \$275,000 (GST inclusive) over 2.5 years. To provide a safe, enjoyable and satisfying learning experience through programmes and life experience gain in business and in rugby to assist students to secure employment or further education on completion of year 12.
4	South Cares - Nanga Mia Marri (Dream Big), across six high schools in Sydney has been funded for \$385,000 (GST inclusive) funding over 2.5 years for mentoring, support and leadership opportunities to ensure a successful completion of Year 12 and then support the transition from High School to employment, training and/or tertiary education.
5	Queensland Rugby Union - Education, Employment and Community Safety projects has been funded for \$275,000 (GST inclusive) over 2.5 years.
6	Evonne Goolagong Foundation has been funded for \$500,000 (GST Exclusive) for one year to support education and training activities for students aged 5-18 nationally.