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Senator: Moore, Claire

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Question:

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Regarding the program on Kangaroo Island, I am aware that some of the local community contributed about \$1,000 each to help pay wages and cover the costs of board and food for the boys who came over. Is the department able to provide funding at that sort of detailed level to help with jobs?

Ms Hefren-Webb: We can probably provide you with detail of funding going to Clontarf and what specific locations that is for. I do not know if it would get down to each project activity, but we can have a look at that.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: If you could take that on notice it would be great.

Mr Matthews: I am not sure of the specifics of the Kangaroo Island one—whether it comes under what we fund or if it is something separate. I am not sure, but we can chase that up.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: I think it might be separate, so I would like to know.

Senator Scullion: We can offer you a comprehensive brief at any time on matters, as we offer the committee and other members of parliament. If you have a particular interest in Kangaroo Island and some of these other matters, we are happy to provide an additional briefing on that on notice.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Thank you very much.

Answer:

The Clontarf Foundation currently receives \$34.4 million (over three years to June 2018) through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Children and Schooling Programme to provide intensive school-based mentoring and support through their network of Academies in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and Northern Territory.

Clontarf is currently funded to expand to support up to 7,900 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men in new and existing Academies across Australia (by June 2018). The Academies aim to improve education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of participants.

Key activities include;

- transport to and from school
- breakfast clubs
- homework sessions
- in-class support
- mentoring and leadership activities
- health check-ups
- career and employment assistance (work readiness, career days, work experience and workplace visits)
- cultural activities;
- targeted training sessions (VET and life skills)
- participation in community events
- incentives and rewards (camps, excursions, volunteering, vouchers)
- sport and recreational activities.

While there are no Clontarf Academies in South Australia, Clontarf Foundation has advised the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) that various Academy students have visited Kangaroo Island as part of their end of year reward trips. PM&C understands Dudley United Football Club recruits former Clontarf Academy students that have completed their schooling, supports the players to move to Kangaroo Island and assists the players to find work. There is no formal partnership between Dudley United Football Club and the Clontarf Foundation, and no known funding is provided by PM&C or the Clontarf Foundation for these activities.