

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question: BE14/095

Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. Did Brimbank City Council apply for a grant under the National Crime Prevention Fund?
2. Did Brimbank City Council meet the eligibility criteria for the National Crime Prevention Fund?
3. Did the Brimbank City Council application fall into a certain category according to these eligibility criteria?
4. If so, was this category more or less likely to receive funding?
5. Was Brimbank City Council awarded a grant under the Safer Streets program? If so, how much money did the grant allocate?
6. Did this grant go towards installing CCTV cameras in the Clarke St area?
7. Given that the Clarke St Sunshine area is well known as a high-crime area, and the application met the eligibility requirements for the National Crime Prevention Fund, why was the Brimbank City Council application the first to have funding axed?
8. Has the money been redirected into any alternative programs in the Sunshine area?
9. When will money be available through this alternative program for projects such as that proposed by the Brimbank City Council?

The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Brimbank City Council was eligible for funding under the National Crime Prevention Fund for local government security-related infrastructure projects.
4. Brimbank City Council was no more or less likely to receive funding due to the category they were in.
5. No.
6. See response for Question 5.

7. In accordance with Coalition policy announced prior to the 2013 election, all uncommitted funding from the National Crime Prevention Fund was redirected to the Government's Safer Streets Programme. Brimbank City Council was one of the entities that had been seeking the allocation of uncommitted funding from the National Crime Prevention Fund.
8. No.
9. Arrangements for round of further funding under the Safer Streets Programme are currently being considered, and will be finalised later in the 2014/15 financial year.