

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

**Group: 3**

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**Question No. BE15/091**

**Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 27 and 28 May 2015 hearing:**

1. When is the Government going to release the second round of funding for the Safer Streets Program?
2. Round one of the Safer Streets Program targeted organisations which were identified before October 2013. Only organisations previously identified and invited were eligible to apply for funding under round one.
3. Will the Government use the same 'identify and invite' process for funding under round two of the Safer Streets Program?
4. How much will the second round of funding be in total?
5. Will there be a third round and when will the Government release these details?
6. The first round of funding only included security related infrastructure programs, excluding community based youth outreach and mentoring programs.
7. Why has all the money been directed towards CCTV?
8. Have community groups, councils and non-governmental organisations been consulted in the government's decision to redirect all the money to CCTV?
9. If so what was their response?
10. Will various community based projects be excluded from funding under round two of the Safer Streets Program?
11. In relation to the decision to exclude community organisations as beneficiaries of proceeds of crime what role did Prime Minister and Cabinet play?
12. How will CCTV cameras assist project workers and outreach workers to deal with anti-social behaviours and substance abusers.
13. What social and material support will CCTV provide for youth at risk of committing crime?
14. Has the government taken into consideration that CCTV cameras will cause crime displacement.
15. If so what precautions will the government take to combat crime displacement?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. The timing of a second funding round is a matter for Government.
2. This is not a question.
3. This is a matter for Government.
4. There is \$29 million available for future funding under the Safer Streets Programme.
5. The structure and timing of funding rounds is a matter for Government.
6. This is not a question.
7. The allocation of funding to projects including CCTV reflects the Coalition's *Plan for Safer Streets* as set out in the *Policy to Tackle Crime*.
8. Please see the response to question 7.
9. A number of organisations wrote to the Minister/Department expressing their views. All organisations were encouraged to remain apprised of future funding opportunities through the Department's website.
10. The scope of round two is a matter for Government.

11. Community organisations have not been excluded from receiving proceeds of crime funding. For example; Gladstone PCYC, Blackwater Rotary Club and Blue Mountains Cricket Association all received funding under the Safer Streets Programme.
12. The use of CCTV is a crime prevention measure to assist in the reduction of anti-social behaviour and other crime, and the identification and apprehension of offenders.
13. The use of CCTV will deter and prevent crime.
14. The Department evaluates the effectiveness of projects and programmes based on reports submitted by grantees.
15. Please see the response to question 14.