

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

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Question

Youth Development and Support Program

Senator BACK: If I can move to grants. In 2012, the round of Youth Development and Support Program, the Government awarded a grant to the Logan PCYC for the Global Entrepreneurial Multicultural Sewing project. I wonder if you could enlighten us a little on the purposes for which the grant was made and what the PCYC did with it. Mr Fernando: I do not have those details. Could I just clarify, were you referring to grants issued in 2012-13? Senator BACK: It says the 2012 round, so I would imagine that it would be this current financial year. Mr Fernando: I might have to take that on notice in terms of what the specific project is about. I do not have that information with me.

Answer

The Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association – Logan City Branch (PCYC) received \$39 500 (exc GST) in funding under the 2012-13 Youth Development and Support Program to deliver the 'Global Entrepreneurial Multicultural Sewing' Project.

The Project targets culturally and linguistically diverse young women aged 12-25 years. The PCYC engaged three mentors (from a New Zealand, Samoan/ Chinese and Chinese background) to provide workshops for the young women. Pre-program meetings were held to plan and design the program to suit participants from all cultural backgrounds and sewing abilities.

The workshops included sessions on entrepreneurial skills including how to design, produce and sell traditional dresses and accessories made during the program. The workshops commenced in December 2012. At the first workshop the young women spoke about their different backgrounds and their motivations for wanting to participate in the project and what skills they hoped to develop. The young women were taught basic sewing skills and have completed a Polynesian style dress and a canvas bag.