

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome**                                 **2**  
**DEEWR Question No.**             **EW405\_10**

Senator Payne provided in writing.

**Question**

*Youth Affairs*

For 2008-09 and 2009-10, can you provide a breakdown of each "engagement" with the following information:

- Dates
- Exact locations
- Number of people attending
- Which youth groups were represented.
- Whether or not attendance was through competitive selection – and where, when and how this was advertised.
- Whether or not MPs and Senators were invited to send people along, and who this invitation was extended to.
- Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the department
- Which Members of Parliament or Senators were involved – and how they were involved.
- Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the Minister/Minister's office or other Ministers/Members/Senators involved.
- Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for participants
- Cost of facilitators
- Cost of venue hire
- Costs to advertise the events
- Other costs – itemised

**Answer**

Refer to previously provided responses to Questions on Notice for June 2009 Estimates. Specifically EW0066\_10, EW0067\_10, EW0068\_10, EW0069\_10, EW0074\_10, EW0075\_10.

<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>AYF website, including discussion boards</b>
Dates	Launched 2 October 2008 – ongoing
Exact locations	Online
Number of people attending	Average of 7,800 visits per month
Which youth groups were represented	N/A
Whether or not attendance was through competitive selection – and where, when and how this was advertised.	Open. The AYF website is advertised through email distribution networks and printed on AYF publications / material where possible.
Whether or not MPs and Senators were invited to send people along, and who this invitation was extended to.	N/A
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the department	N/A
Which Members of Parliament or Senators were involved – and how they were involved.	Prime Minister – video message Minister Ellis – feedback Minister Bourke – National Conversation forum
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the Minister/Minister's office or other Ministers/Members/Senators involved.	N/A
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for participants	N/A
Cost of facilitators	N/A
Cost of venue hire	N/A
Costs to advertise the events	N/A
Other costs – itemised	Development of the website \$62,203

<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>Local Outreach Forums</b>
Dates & Exact locations	Launceston TAS (19 May 2009) Devonport TAS (20 May 2009) Sale VIC (30 May 2009) Bankstown NSW (10 June 2009)
Number of people attending	Launceston: 53, Devonport: 69, Sale: 53, Bankstown: 95
Which youth groups were represented	Youth who lived in the local area. Diverse backgrounds were represented.
Whether or not attendance was through competitive selection – and where, when and how this was advertised.	Attendance was open, not by invitation or selection. The outreach forums were advertised through the AYF website, via email distribution lists and through the State Office for Youth.
Whether or not MPs and Senators were invited to send people along, and who this invitation was extended to.	MPs and Senators were not invited to send people.
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the department	Departmental funds were used
Which Members of Parliament or Senators were involved – and how they were involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minister Kate Ellis – attended each outreach forum.</li> <li>○ The Hon Jodie Campbell MP, Federal Member for Bass, attended the Launceston forum</li> <li>○ The Hon Sid Sidebottom MP, Federal Member for Braddon, attended the</li> </ul>

	<p>Devonport forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Hon Darryl Melham MP, Federal Member for Banks, attended the Bankstown forum.</li> <li>○ Prime Minister – video message at the Sale and Bankstown forums</li> </ul>
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the Minister/Minister's office or other Ministers / Members / Senators involved.	AYF funds was not used for Ministers / Members / Senators travel
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for participants	Penguin High Bus Travel to Devonport \$145
Cost of facilitators	\$16,191 total for four forums
Cost of venue hire	Sale Memorial Hall \$120 – also see 'Other costs' below
Costs to advertise the events	N/A
Other costs – itemised	Catering for Sale forum \$1,182. Catering and venue hire through respective City Councils: Launceston \$715, Devonport \$846, Bankstown \$1,252

<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>National youTHINK forum (20Feb09)</b>
Dates	20 February 2009
Exact locations	Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Hobart, Cairns, Adelaide, Darwin, Alice Springs, Perth
Number of people attending	618
Which youth groups were represented	All
Whether or not attendance was through competitive selection – and where, when and how this was advertised.	Open attendance. Advertised early 2009 through schools, email distribution networks, internal and external stakeholders and social networking sites.
Whether or not MPs and Senators were invited to send people along, and who this invitation was extended to.	MPs and Senators were not invited to send people along
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the department	Departmental funds were used
Which Members of Parliament or Senators were involved – and how they were involved.	Minister Ellis attended at the Sydney location
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the Minister/Minister's office or other Ministers / Members / Senators involved.	AYF funds was not used for Ministers / Members / Senators travel
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for participants	Participants did not receive any financial support to attend
Cost of facilitators	\$77,374 total for all locations
Cost of venue hire	See 'Other costs' as it was part of the contract with Hoyts.
Costs to advertise the events	\$17,659
Other costs – itemised	Hoyts contract for satellite link, venue hire, catering, some stationary, pre- and post-production items (\$245,226). Participant pens \$1,655. Master of Ceremonies \$8,815. Travel for Steering Committee

	members / speakers \$11,966. Auslan sign language interpreter required for Brisbane location \$403.
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<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>National youTHINK: Your Say forum</b>
Dates	30 June 2009 for the main forum and most of the local forums (some local forums were held on dates around 30 June 2009)
Exact locations	36 separate locations: Centrelink Sydney (NSW), Centrelink Box Hill in Melbourne (VIC), Centrelink Brisbane (QLD), Centrelink Adelaide (SA), Centrelink Perth (WA), Centrelink Darwin (NT), Centrelink Newcastle (NSW), Centrelink Queanbeyan (NSW), Melbourne Town Hall (VIC), Surry Hills (NSW), Fairfield (NSW), Wollongong (NSW), Newcastle (NSW), Lake Macquarie (NSW), Wyong (NSW), Frankston (VIC), Ravenhall (VIC), Bendigo (VIC), Ballarat (VIC), Kyabram (VIC), Adelaide (SA), Ingle Farm (SA), Port Augusta (SA), Perth (WA), Mirrabooka (WA), Morley (WA), Ellenbrook (WA), Brisbane City (QLD), Lawnton (QLD), Stafford (QLD), Caboolture (QLD), Fortitude Valley (QLD), Hobart (TAS), Launceston (TAS), Palmerston (NT) and 614 Bus Melbourne (VIC)
Number of people attending	700 attended a face-to-face discussion, 1020 completed the survey form (with 571 being face-to-face participants)
Which youth groups were represented.	Those who have contact with the Salvation Army and associated youth organisations
Whether or not attendance was through competitive selection – and where, when and how this was advertised.	Attendance and advertising was organised by the Salvation Army through their network.
Whether or not MPs and Senators were invited to send people along, and who this invitation was extended to.	MPs and Senators were not invited to send people along however local members in 36 locations were informed that events would be happening in their electorate and provided with a contact for further information.
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the department	Departmental funds were used
Which Members of Parliament or Senators were involved – and how they were involved.	Minister Ellis – attended the Melbourne Town Hall forum
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the Minister/Minister's office or other Ministers / Members / Senators involved.	AYF funds was not used for Ministers / Members / Senators travel
Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for participants	N/A
Cost of facilitators	Facilitation was supplied through the Salvation Army
Cost of venue hire	Venue hire was supplied through the Salvation Army

Costs to advertise the events	Advertising was supplied through the Salvation Army
Other costs – itemised	Funding Agreement with the Salvation Army \$260,000

For 2009-2010

Engagement activities are currently being undertaken. At this time it is not possible to provide detailed costs.