

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Question

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

"The AYCC annual report lists its partners. They include the Australian Student Environment Network, Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC), The Oak Tree Foundation, and The United Nations Youth Association of Australia (UNYA). These groups have also received funding from Australian Youth Forum. • Can the dept detail the exact amount of money was paid to these groups. • Can the dept explain how these organisations spent the funding and if it went towards the AYCC's activities/campaigns. "

Answer

The Australian Youth Forum (AYF) is an initiative funded by the Australian Government under the Youth Engagement program. The AYF provides funding support to engage young people on issues that are important to them through online and face to face engagement approaches including sponsorships and partnerships. The AYF provided funds to support youth engagement activities to the following organisations:

- **Oaktree Foundation**
In May 2010, the AYF funded the Oaktree Foundation to provided young people the opportunity to: consider options for how Australia could improve the effectiveness of international aid; how Australia could show global leadership; topics that Australia could champion with the G20 nations; and what young people think are Australia's responsibilities to our poorer (economically) neighbours. This funding included awareness raising Road Trips and a two-day Australian Youth Forum. Funding was \$34,650 (GST exempt).
- **United Nations Youth Association Australia**
In June 2010, the AYF funded with the United Nations Youth Association of Australia on a project to encourage young people to enrol to vote. The project targeted unenrolled young citizens in metropolitan and regional areas in every state and territory. Funding for this project was \$34,650 (GST exempt).
- **Australian Youth Affairs Coalition**
The AYF funds the national youth peak body, the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC). AYAC receive an annual allocation of \$440,000 (GST inc). Additional funding of \$167,921 has also been provided for AYAC to undertake specific projects.

In addition, the Youth Development and Support Program has provided funding to:

- **Australian Student Environment Network** for \$27,500 (GST inc) in 2009-10 for its Social Change project. The project aimed to provide young people with opportunities to develop personal & core organising skills and encourage leadership capabilities.
- **The Oaktree Foundation** for \$82,500 (GST inc) in 2009-10 for its Generate and Schools 4 Schools Project. The project aimed to provide young people with practical skills and leadership development opportunities, and engage with their community. It also provided a series of workshops with Australian school students to discuss global issues.
- **The United Nations Youth Association of Australia** for \$27,010 (GST exempt) for the Australian Youth-Led Non-Government Organisations Roundtable. Funds were spent on hosting a two-day meeting for young people to share information and discuss issues of importance to young Australians and to facilitate cooperation and collaboration between organisations.

The Department is not aware of these organisations supporting Australian Youth Climate Coalition activities or campaigns through these specific projects.