Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Youth support and the Australian Youth Forum

Senator BACK: I refer to youth support and the Australian Youth Forum receiving funding or support. In response to question EW0484 at a previous estimates, evidence was given that the Australian Youth Climate Coalition received financial support under the Australian Youth Forum program. First of all, is that correct? Can you confirm the amount of funds that the AYCC received as part of this funding? Mr Fernando: I can confirm that we did not actually say the Australian Youth Climate Coalition received any funds, and they did not through the Australian Youth Forum. Senator BACK: Did they receive any departmental funding at all? Mr Fernando: I cannot speak for the department but I can certainly speak for this particular program. They have not received any funding through this program. Senator BACK: So the information that my colleague Senator Birmingham had, that they received \$271,000, is, to your knowledge, not correct? Mr Fernando: That is right. Ms Paul: At least from this program unless it comes from somewhere else. Clearly, he thought it must have been from this program. Senator BACK: Yes. It certainly is raised in the youth support element. So you are now aware of it under this program, but can you take on notice whether there are other programs under which it may have been funded? Ms Paul: Sure.

Answer

The Youth Development and Support Program, administered by the Office for Youth, provided a total of \$70,840 (GST inclusive) in funding to the Australian Youth Climate Coalition in 2010-2011, for its *Switched On Youth Leadership project*.

There is no record of the Department providing any other funding to the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.