

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Topic:** Volunteering Australia - Funding

**Senator:** Senator Fifield

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**Question:**

Mr Ronalds: In broad terms, I am certainly aware of its overall budget. It has received in the past financial years an amount from PM&C administered funds to support their purposes. It does vary each financial year depending on specific tasks, whether there is a national conference, whether the government supports that and those sorts of things. Hence, I need to take on notice the precise amount that has been given in any financial year.

Senator FIFIELD: If you could, please, for 2011-12 and 2012-13 and how much over the forward estimates from PM&C and from other departments that you may be aware of?

Ms Cross: I just confirm, in terms of a question on notice about funding to Volunteering Australia, that we will check with PM&C and we will also check with FaHCSIA. Other than that, are you comfortable if they are the only two-

Senator FIFIELD: They would be the only two sources of funding, I would think, other than one-off things.

Ms Cross: That is right. Some other department may have sponsored a conference or something, but if you are comfortable we will just check with PM&C and FaHCSIA.

Senator FIFIELD: Okay; thank you.

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**Answer:**

In 2011-12 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) granted Volunteering Australia (VA) \$274,407 under the Volunteer Management Program (VMP) to support its on-going role as a national peak body and its delivery of services to support and promote volunteering in Australia.

VA also received a \$36,140 grant from PM&C to undertake activities to celebrate National Volunteer Week from 14 to 20 May 2012.

It is anticipated that in the 2012–13 financial year VA will receive funding of \$275,000 from the VMP to support its on-going operations.

PM&C is also in the process of finalising a grant agreement with VA for a total of \$100,000 over the financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14 to support its delivery of the International Association of Volunteering Effort (IAVE) World Conference, which will be held on the Gold Coast on 17-24 September 2014.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) did not provide funding to Volunteering Australia in 2011-12 or 2012-13.