

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 45**

**Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:**

Hillsong Emerge application for NCCPP funding:

- a) On what date did Hillsong Emerge submit their first application?
- b) On what date did they withdraw this application?
- c) Was there any contact between the Department and Hillsong between the time the submission was received, then withdrawn?
- d) On what date did they submit their second application?
- e) Did the Department ever ask Hillsong to resubmit their application?
- f) Did the Department receive any correspondence or contact from Hillsong between the first and second round of applications?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a), b) and d)  
Hillsong Emerge Ltd. submitted two applications on 29 April 2005 under the Greater Western Sydney component of the National Community Crime Prevention Programme. One application was withdrawn on 16 May 2005.
- c) Yes. During the registration process for all applications, a brief project summary, as supplied by the applicant, is entered into a departmental database. Departmental officers subsequently noted that there were applications from Hillsong Emerge Ltd with similar project descriptions, and contacted the organisation to seek clarification. According to our records, on 16 May 2005 an officer from the Department contacted the Hillsong Emerge Business Development Manager. Hillsong Emerge Ltd advised the Department at that time that it wished to withdraw one application.
- e) No.
- f) No. See (c).