

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

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**Question No. 46**

**Senators Payne/Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006**

Please describe the process how an application for funding under NCCPP is assessed.

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

Each project application is reviewed by departmental officers to ascertain project and applicant eligibility and financial risk according to the NCCPP Guidelines for Applications.

Departmental staff conduct reference and probity checks of project applications which are referred to the Advisory Group. These checks will include, but are not limited to contact with relevant Australian and State/Territory Governments, and agencies who may have funded the applicant in the past.

Applications which are recommended by the Advisory Group are then forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Customs for decision.

Development of funding agreements for the approved projects is then undertaken by the Department. Funding agreements outline performance indicators, project outcomes and milestones and where appropriate, partnership arrangements.