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Question No. 48

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

- a) On what criteria was the second Hillsong Emerge application assessed?
- b) What was it about the second application that made it successful and eligible for the grant to be given?
- c) What was it about the letters of support that convinced officers assessing the application that the application should be considered successful?

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

- a) All applications for funding under the National Community Crime Prevention Programme are assessed against the same publicly available criteria. These are in the funding guidelines available at <http://www.crimeprevention.gov.au>.
- b) The successful application was submitted in the Greater Western Sydney round. All applications are subject to the same eligibility requirements, assessed against the same criteria and are considered on a competitive merit basis. The successful application from Hillsong Emerge Ltd. met all eligibility criteria with the applicant demonstrating stable staffing, management and governance. The proposal demonstrated a high need and contained early intervention strategies focussed on Indigenous and Sudanese youth.
- c) A number of factors are considered in assessing each application. Letters of support are only one of these factors. Letters attached to the successful application supported partnerships in the Blacktown area.