SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

## Output 2.1

## Question No. 41

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:**
For the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to date), could the Department please indicate:
a)  how much was recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act?
 i) where have these funds been allocated in terms of grants and programs?
 ii) how much has been allocated in each grant or program?
 iii)Who is presently responsible for selecting the recipients of this funding?
 iv)What criteria is presently used to select programs and grants for funding?

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

a) In 2005-06 $12,773,886.59 was receipted into the Confiscated Assets Account under the
*Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.*

In 2006-07 to date, $8,796,796.74 has been receipted into the Confiscated Assets Account under the
*Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.*

i)   and ii)

Information on programmes funded under section 298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* is
published on <http://www.crimeprevention.gov.au>.

The Australian Government programmes approved under section 298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act
2002* in the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as follows:

| Grant Recipient | Project Name | Project Description | Value of grant awarded (excl GST) |
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| Australian Federal Police | In-Car Computing | To accelerate in-car computing research and development from the concept to application stage. | $394,000 |
| Australian Institute of Criminology | Drug Use Monitoring in Australia | To continue to extend data collection of drug use by police detainees to a new site in Darwin and another in Melbourne. | $360,000 |
| Australian Crime Commission | Lost and Stolen Documents Register | To conduct a feasibility study into the establishment of a lost and stolen document register for proof of identity documents to assist victims of identity theft and mitigate the risk of further compromise of their identity for criminal purposes. | $33,950 |
| National Institute of Forensic Sciences | 18th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences | To assist in the funding of the 18th International Symposium on Forensic Sciences | $60,000 |

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| AUSTRAC | Reform of Measures to Combat Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism | To engage in reform of measures to counter money laundering and the financing of terrorism. | $1,919,419 |
| National Institute of Forensic Sciences | Improved Closed Set DNA profiling | To fund research into the possible development of a fresh approach to DNA profiling in situations where there is a closed set of subjects (such as identification of victims of mass disaster). The near-perfect accuracy required for some circumstances, such as criminal prosecutions, is costly and time-consuming. NIFS, in partnership with Forensic Sciences South Australia and the Flinders University, will seek to develop a process for closed set DNA profiling which, by having a lesser, more appropriate standard of accuracy, will be quicker and more cost-effective. | $900,000 |
| Australian Institute of Criminology | Firearms Theft Monitoring Program | To undertake a long-term Firearms Theft Monitoring Program to assist in identifying changes in the nature and extent of firearms theft, and provide valuable support for the future development of policy on firearms theft in Australia. | $400,000 |
| Attorney-General's Department | South East Asian Collaborative Group on Precursors | To create a forum to extend and coordinate the aims and objectives of the National Strategy to Prevent the Diversion of Precursor Chemicals into Illicit Drug Manufacture Beyond Australia. The funds will also help facilitate meetings on these issues. The program will involve the governments of the Asia – Pacific region. | $310,000 |
| Attorney-General's Department | South East Asian Collaborative Group on Precursors | For the facilitation of the Second South East Asian Collaborative Group on Precursors (ACoG) meeting in Tokyo, Japan - Feb 2007 | $166,602.90 |
| Australian Institute of Criminology | Cybercrime – Australian Computer Security Survey | To undertake a national survey of the business sector of the extent and impact of attacks on the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of network data. The Australian Institute of Criminology will contact via telephone and mail, a random sample of 16,000 businesses across all business sectors in Australia. | $750,000 |
| Australian Federal Police | Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Database | To support the development of DVI capabilities within Australia and New Zealand. Specifically, the proposal will purchase, configure and implement a database system for use by all jurisdictions in Australian mass-casualty incidents. | $200,000 |

| Australian Federal Police | Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Commander Training Program | In support of the development of a DVI Commander Training Program for Australian and New Zealand police jurisdictions. The proposal seeks to develop and deliver four instances of the Australasian DVI Commander Program and develop the emerging leaders in Australian and New Zealand DVI response. | $200,000 |
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| Crim Trac | Minimum Nationwide Person Profile | To assist the Minimum Nationwide Person Profile project, providing the police throughout Australia with direct online access to assist them in determining whether a person is a threat to police safety, a threat to themselves or others, of interest to the police, or wanted by the police. | $1,900,000 |
| Australian Customs Service | Electronic Signage at international airports | To increase electronic signage at international airports to warn travellers of particular offences. | $1,500,000 |
| Attorney-General's Department | Shared Responsibility Agreements | To address the needs of Indigenous communities and provide services to Indigenous Australians, through a new way of working which combines better coordinated service delivery that reduces bureaucratic red tape for individuals and communities with a shared responsibility approach to engagement with Indigenous people. | $600,000 |

The Non-Government programmes approved under section 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in the years in 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as follows:

| Grant Recipient | Project Name | Project Description | Value of grant awarded (excl GST) |
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| Wesley Mission | Wesley Rehabilitation Services | To provide 10 additional beds at its abstinence-based residential program in South West Sydney. | $660,000 |
| OzCare | Brisbane Home and Community-Based Illicit Drug Treatment Service | To provide a non-residential, integrated drug rehabilitation service in Brisbane. | $652,100 |
| Odyssey House | Odyssey Peninsula Short-Term Engagement Program | To provide short-term residential accommodation and case-management services in the Frankston and Peninsula regions of Victoria. | $666,000 |
| The Buttery INC | The MISA Lifestyle Support | To provide an outreach program to target | $750,000 |

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| | Program | clients in rural areas in the far North Coast of NSW such as Lismore and Tweed Heads. The MISA Lifestyle Support Program will build on the recent success of the MISA pilot project that was also funded under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*. | |
| Odyssey House Victoria | The One-Step: Odyssey North East Short-Term Engagement Program | This project will focus on rural cities such as Wangaratta, Wodonga and Benalla. The program will build on a successful pilot project in the Frankston region that established innovative and responsible accommodation and intensive case-management services for people experiencing substantial problems with alcohol and other drugs. During the three months that the clients participate in this program, they will be provided with medical, psychological, educational and vocational services assisting them to lead a drug-free life. | $735,000 |
| BAYSA Youth Services | The Youth Access Program | To enable three specialist Youth Alcohol and Drug Outreach workers to engage with up to 500 young people in the Barwon Region in Victoria and provide professional provision of coordinated pathways and supported referrals of young people to enable true rehabilitation from poly drug abuse. This program will significantly reduce the rate of relapse from young people who have left residential rehabilitation services. | $744,109 |
| Odyssey House McGrath Foundation | The Assessment and Referral Centre | The Assessment and Referral Centre at Minto in NSW houses up to forty male residents and currently has no access to an automatic heating/cooling system. The $250,000 funding will ensure the refurbishment of the dormitory and the dining/lounge room as well as the upgrade of the driveway. | $250,000 |
| The Lyndon Community | The Specialist Alcohol and Other Drug Staff Training and Support Service program | To be conducted in the Bloomfield Hospital Campus in Orange and services will extend to Lithgow and Broken Hill, the project will be conducted through the provision of a Comprehensive Clinical Leadership model and will initially provide a residential detoxification and rehabilitation service and extending into an increased community support role. | $736,972 |
| The Salvation Army Top | The Parenting Enhancement Module | To provide safe and supported accommodation for mothers who are undergoing drug and alcohol rehabilitation. The project also includes | $100,500 |

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| End | | classes covering parenting skills and child behaviour, as well as family counselling for families with children who are 'at risk'. | |
| Jesuit Social Services | The Outdoor Experience Program | To provide alternative treatment for young people between 14 and 25 years old through wilderness therapy out of Kew in Victoria. The program includes a two week pre-trip phase, followed by an 11-day remote journey, then a two week post-trip phase. The funding will assist with the refurbishment of accommodation of 'The Bush Hut' where the participants will stay. | $97,771 |
| Baptist Community Services SA | The Westcare Drug Intervention Program | To train two Indigenous workers to enable them to target people with history of abuse, family breakdown, homelessness and mental health issues in inner-city Adelaide. This program will provide intensive support including budgeting, living skills, general counselling and help to access health and welfare services. | $572,737 |
| The Addiction Treatment Foundation | The Out-Patient Co-Morbidity Substance Abuse Program | To provide Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Motivational Enhancement Therapy and pharmacotherapy in association with medical health professionals over a three month period. | $200,000 |
| Salvation Army WA Division | The Bridge House and Harry Hunter Adult Rehabilitation Centre | For refurbishment of both Bridge House and the Harry Hunter Adult Rehabilitation Centre. | $500,000 |
| Turning Point | Two Melbourne Specialist Methamphetamine Clinics | To address the current service gaps that have been identified by people who have problems with methamphetamine abuse. The two chosen sites are 'hotspots' for methamphetamine use, City of Melbourne and City of Port Phillip. The program will establish clinical and referral pathways, employ and train specialist staff to undertake integrated best-practice intervention and provide a range of tailored treatments for methamphetamine users. | $750,000 |

iii) Approval of programs for the expenditure of money standing to the credit of the Confiscated Assets Account under section 298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* is at the discretion of the Minister for Justice and Customs.

iv) Section 298 (2) of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* provides that expenditure from the Confiscated Assets Account may be approved for one or more of the four following purposes: crime prevention measures, law enforcement measures, measures relating to treatment of drug addiction, or diversionary measures relating to the illegal use of drugs.

Non-Government sector funding is allocated through a targeted grants program. Guidelines for the September 2006 Non-Government Sector funding round, which include selection criteria, are at **Attachment A**. These Guidelines may be adjusted from time-to-time depending on the type of projects being targeted.