

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

Sub Program 2.2.1

Question No. 66

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

In relation to the grants program made to communities for crime prevention programs under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002:

- a. How much revenue was raised under proceeds of crime last financial year?
- b. How much has been raised this financial year to date?
- c. What percentage of this revenue was used under the POCA funding program?
- d. For what is the remainder of the revenue used?

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

- a. A total of \$17,645,898.56 was paid into the Confiscated Assets Account in the 2008-09 financial year.
- b. Up until 31 January 2010, a total of \$17,773,026.67 has been paid into the Confiscated Assets Account for the 2009-10 financial year.
- c. In the 2008-09 financial year, \$12,209,200 was drawn down from the Confiscated Assets Account for programs funded under s298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*. This represents 69% of the funds received into the Confiscated Assets Account in that financial year.

In the 2009-10 financial year up until 31 January 2010, \$2,517,234 has been drawn down from the Confiscated Assets Account for programs funded under s298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*. This represents 14% of the funds paid into the Confiscated Assets Account up until 31 January 2010.

- d. All other funds paid out of the Confiscated Assets Account in these time periods were used for other eligible payments under s297 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* which include:
 - i. payments under the equitable sharing program
 - ii. payments to foreign governments under forfeiture orders and pecuniary penalty orders
 - iii. the costs of the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) as official trustee
 - iv. restitution for third party interests
 - v. the costs of conducting examinations under the Act, and
 - vi. Legal Aid Commission costs.