

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(140) Output 2.4: Promoting the Benefits of Cultural Diversity

Senator Hurley (L&CA 84) asked:

What are the agreed performance indicators for the multicultural affairs grant to FECCA?

Answer:

The agreed performance indicators for the 2006-07 grant to the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) are as follows:

Promotion Strategy

4 key resources developed and disseminated through FECCA membership and listed on the website.

Monthly dissemination of the electronic newsletter, including to DIAC, as a way of sharing information.

Inclusion of information on FECCA website that helps foster strong links between communities by end March 2007.

Australian Mosaic magazine

3 issues published.

Minimum average 48 pages per edition, minimum 4 community comment and 4 expert comment articles published, minimum circulation of 2000 per edition.

2 principal sponsors.

Evaluation of *Australian Mosaic* magazine through a written survey distributed with the magazine – evaluation of its reach, perceived value and opportunities for future work, including the production of issues papers to be completed by January 2007.

Development of a marketing strategy for *Australian Mosaic* to be completed by January 2007.

Website

Minimum 9,000 sessions per month.

Minimum 200,000 sessions per annum.

Ongoing maintenance, weekly updates of information, annual review.

Material to be accurate, balanced, comprehensive and up-to-date.

“Working documents” of Community Advocacy and Resource Kit and Policy and Procedures Manual on line by December 2006.

Resources for the media added and actively promoted to the media by June 2007.

Media

Minimum of 20 media releases.

Minimum of 6 joint media releases.

Minimum 25 media interviews (including all media).

Minimum of 2 issues papers, 2 policy papers, 4 fact sheets relating to our cultural, linguistic and faith diversity added and promoted to media by June 2007. These documents to include reference to some or all of: shared values, opportunity and respect, as appropriate.

Community contact list for the media added by December 2006.

Student journalism awards

New student journalism award format for 2007-2008 to be announced by November 2006

Number of entrants compared to last year.

Announcement and award ceremony for winner of 2007 Student Journalism Awards around 21 March 2007.

At least 2 partnerships with academic and other institutions to promote the awards and excellence in reporting on multicultural issues.

Working with strategic partners

2 MOUs to progress future work signed by end June 2007.

2 presentations at conferences of major stakeholders or strategic partners by end June 2007.

Effectively utilise existing networks including the Australian Collaboration to progress work in areas of common interest.

Discussion/consultation fora

Transformations conference recommendations released by end of December 2006.

2006 Student Journalism Award Ceremony in the week around 21 March.

Collation and promotion of activities undertaken by FECCA members in the week around 21 March.

Work with strategic partners to organise one joint activity in the week around 21 March.

Reporting on government service delivery

Three monthly consultations with FECCA members on issues relating to government service delivery – through face to face meetings, teleconferences and email.

Comprehensive report to DIAC on issues relating to government service delivery by end November 2006, including identification of good practice and areas where improvements are needed.

Number and extent of FECCA promotion of Commonwealth agency best-practice to other agencies and to public.

Working with key government departments

Consultative fora held with Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSA) and Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA) by end April 2007.

Report on issues identified and actions recommended to be forwarded to DIAC by end June 2007.

Policy development

Maintain representation on minimum of 20 committees.

Convey to DIAC Multicultural/Ethnic Communities' Councils issues minimum 4 times per annum.

At least 12 policy submissions completed per annum to a range of parliamentary and government organisations.

Policy submissions to be inclusive of issues for vulnerable and emerging communities, including Muslim and African communities.

Maintain 6 active policy committees in 2006-07 including a new and emerging communities policy committee which includes a focus on people from countries of Africa, and Muslim communities.

Formation of 2 new policy networks that support FECCA's work in specific areas of health and education.

Conduct a total of 15 consultative policy committee meetings by end June 2007.

Update policy committee sub-sites minimum 2 times per annum.

Ongoing refinement of existing draft policies to ensure responsiveness to emerging issues.

Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations (APRO)

APRO to meet 4 times per year.

Ongoing consultation with APRO to hear issues of discrimination experienced by particular religious groups.

Support to vulnerable and emerging communities

‘Working documents’ of Community leadership and advocacy skills resource kit on line by December 2006. Updating on a regular basis.

FECCA network provides at least 20 examples of support mentoring per annum.

Advocacy

Consult with affiliates at least quarterly.

Collaborative relationship with appropriate key peak bodies such as the Federation of African Communities Councils formed.

Work to eradicate discrimination

Information about emerging issues and responses to these issues is shared between FECCA members, appropriate external stakeholders and with DIAC.

Discrimination against particular religious groups highlighted in at least 2 meetings with relevant agencies and provided through the Australasian Police Multicultural Advisory Bureau (APMAB) successor, if required.

Good governance

3 face to face meetings of the FECCA Executive per annum.

Additional teleconferences as required.

Consultations completed, strategic plan developed and lodged with DIAC by March 2007.

FECCA meets performance indicators as outlined in this workplan.

FECCA provides DIAC with copy of audited statements in respect of 2005-06 funding by end September 2006; and audited statements in respect of 2006-07 funding, in line with the 2006-07 Funding Agreement, due within 90 days following the expiry of the funding period.

Certification by the FECCA Chair or Director in line with the 2006-07 Funding Agreement, due within 90 days following the expiry of the funding period.

FECCA provides copy of Annual Report by end November 2006.

FECCA provides quarterly reports of progress against performance indicators, due in October 2006 and April 2007.

FECCA provides DIAC with comprehensive update against workplan by end December 2006.

FECCA provides DIAC with comprehensive yearly report against workplan by end June 2007.

Minimum 4 FECCA/DIAC meetings 2006-07.

Funding strategy to be developed as part of the strategic planning to be submitted to DIAC by March 2007.