

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 29 MAY 2008**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(76) Output 2.4: Promoting the Benefits of a United and Diverse Society**

Senator Barnett (L&CA 49) asked:

In relation to the Living in Harmony grants, can you outline where the funding went and for what purpose in the last 12 months?

*Answer:*

In 2007-08, 51 projects were funded under the Living in Harmony program totalling some \$2.1 million.

Projects include:

- 41 community relations projects announced on 25 September 2007 by then Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, and funded through the annual grants round. Projects received between \$5000 and \$50 000 to address local community issues related to cultural diversity, and
- Ten emerging issues and partnership projects, funded for amounts of between \$28 950 and \$600 000, that responded to significant social cohesion issues as they developed.

All Living in Harmony projects for the period of 2007-08 are listed on the Australian Government's Discretionary Grants Register.

Activities funded under the Living in Harmony program aim to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for everyone.