

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Question No. 37

Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

a) What programs have been established that relate to juvenile diversion? (Amata?)
Is this program linked to an SRA?

b) What is it funded to specifically do?

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

The Attorney-General's Department provides grant funding under its Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice program for youth diversionary activities in Indigenous communities. The objective of the PDRR program is to divert Indigenous Australians from adverse contact with the legal system.

One of the grants from the program is specifically linked to addressing the issue of petrol sniffing. \$20,100 has been provided to fund a youth coordinator for the Amata community in South Australia. The funding forms part of a Shared Responsibility Agreement between the community and the Australian Government.