

SENATE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 57

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

- a) How much of the funding provided for the 'National Community Crime Prevention Program' has been expended?
- b) Has all funding been expended?
 - (i) If not, how much funding has yet to be expended?
- c) Was there any variation to the stated budget for this program?
 - (i) If so, what was the variation?
 - (ii) Was additional funding provided, or did the program lose funding?
 - (iii) If the program lost funding, where was the funding transferred, and why?
 - (iv) Were any stop-gap measures put in place to
- d) What was the stated outcome of the program at the time the funding commenced?
 - (i) Did the program meet its stated outcome?
 - (ii) If not, in which areas did it not meet its stated outcome?
 - (iii) Were any other measures or additional funding required to meet the stated outcome of the program?
- e) Has a review been conducted of the program?
 - (i) If so, could you provide a copy?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (iii) Is one being conducted, or will one be conducted?
 - (iv) Are there any interim reports available?
 - (v) Are there any plans to produce any interim reports?

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

- (a) To date \$15.2 million has been committed
- (b) No

(i) \$48.74 million

(c) Yes

(i) An additional \$6 million was announced by the Prime Minister on 30 September 2005 for security related infrastructure, including closed circuit television (CCTV) projects.

(ii) Additional funding was provided.

(iii) N/A

(iv) N/A

(d) The stated outcome at the time the program commenced was to establish a national community grants scheme to support grass roots projects designed to prevent crime and improve community safety and security. It was designed to provide the additional resources often needed by community groups to develop their own projects and find their own ways of getting people to work together for the common goal of promoting community safety. It was to support innovative crime prevention projects that demonstrate strong community partnerships, target priority areas and provide ongoing benefit to the community.

(i) The program is in its infancy and many projects are continuing.

(ii) N/A

(iii) No.

(e) No.

(i) N/A

(ii) N/A

(iii) An evaluation will be conducted

(iv) No.

(v) No.