

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

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Question No. 51

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

With reference to page 106 (sic 107) of the Annual Report regarding the outcome of the three projects that are concluded as mentioned on page 106 (sic 107), please specify:

- (a) When each project concluded?
- (b) What did the project aim to do?
- (c) Did the project meet its specified aims?
- (d) Were there any targets set and did it meet those (specify details)?
- (e) Whether all moneys were expended by the recipients in line with funding conditions? Also specify (sic)
- (f) what check was made by the AGD to ensure this was so?
- (g) Have any of these projects reapplied for continued funding? If so specify whether they have been granted funding or whether they are still in process.

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

- (a) The Keepin' Safe project undertaken by Brisbane Indigenous Media Association concluded in February 2006.

The Marrickville Mob Video project undertaken by Marrickville Resources Centre Inc. concluded in December 2005.

The Multicultural Security Communications project undertaken by the Newington Precinct Two Community Association concluded in July 2005.

- (b) The Keepin' Safe project addressed crime prevention through education, networking and the development of a communication strategy. The project included radio broadcasts addressing crime prevention issues and training for Indigenous youth.

The Marrickville Mob Video project engaged at risk Indigenous young people aged 10-16 years living in south Marrickville. The young people involved created three videos with the assistance of professional film makers experienced in working with Indigenous communities.

The Multicultural Security Communications project translated the Newington Security booklet from English into other languages and distributed the booklet within Newington.

- (c) The three projects met their specified aims.

- (d) Targets were set for all of the projects. For the Keepin' Safe and Marrickville Mob Video projects the targets, in the form of completion of milestones, were achieved in accordance with the funding agreements. For the Multicultural Security Communications project the target, the production and local distribution of the Newington Security booklet, was also achieved.
- (e) All moneys were expended by the recipients in line with funding conditions.
- (f) AGD ensured that the expenditure of moneys by the recipients was in line with funding conditions for the Keepin' Safe and Marrickville Mob Video projects by checking that milestones were achieved, reviewing progress reports and inspecting audited financial statements.

Due to the smaller amount of funding allocated to the Multicultural Security Communications project, a minimalist form funding agreement was used. This required the making of a statutory declaration that the funding had been spent in accordance with the funding agreement, and provision of receipts and other documentation to verify the expenditure of the funding.

- (g) None of these three organisations have applied for continued funding for these projects.