

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Answers to questions highlighted in the transcript relating to the portfolio of Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs

Transcript Question from the Hon Helen Westwood

1. What is the value of grants allocated by the Community Relations Division under the Community Development Grants Program and the Community Partnership Scheme in 2011-12?

Answer

The 2011-12 budget allocation for the Community Development Grants Program is being finalised.

There were four categories of funding under the 2010-11 Community Development Grants Program. The figures below provide a breakdown of the amounts allocated in 2010-11.

1. General grants (for not-for-profit incorporated organisations):
\$787,908.
2. Local partnership grants (in partnership with local government councils): \$130,726.
3. Sponsorship grants (for not-for-profit incorporated organisations):
\$71,856.

The fourth category exists to fund projects which have special merit and fall within the ambit of the objectives and functions of the Commission.

4. Special grants: \$89,000.

The budget for the Community Partnership Scheme in 2011-12 is being finalised.

Transcript Question from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane

2. Has the O'Farrell Government set aside any funding to create an immigration museum in Sydney to promote multiculturalism?

Answer

Within my portfolio, the Community Relations Commission currently provides \$100,000 per annum in funding support to the NSW Migration Heritage Centre. This is a predominantly online museum which operates out of the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.

The objective of the NSW Migration Heritage Centre is to identify, record, preserve and interpret the heritage of migration and settlement in NSW from 1788 to the present. In pursuing these objectives the Centre presents virtual and tangible exhibitions in partnership with the Powerhouse Museum and other NSW cultural institutions including regional art galleries.

Transcript Question from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane

3. Can you assure [Muslim] communities that burial grounds will be provided to address their concerns?

Answer

Issues relating to burial grounds are matters for the Minister for Primary Industries, who has acted quickly to address this matter following the failure of the previous Government to resolve it.