

Question on Notice

No. 1070

Asked on Tuesday 1 September 2009

MR CRIPPS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (MS PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to page 3-18 of the SDS and expenditure on Multicultural Affairs— Will the Minister advise the largest grant that was given by the department to a community organisation for programs and services in the multicultural community?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities provided the largest single grant to the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland under the Community Action for a Multicultural Society program.

The Community Action for a Multicultural Society program is a successful strategic partnership between the Bligh Government and community organisations across Queensland.

The Council received \$116,500 to undertake the coordinating role of fostering collaboration among organisations funded under the Community Action for a Multicultural Society program in delivering various initiatives across Queensland.

The initiatives aim to:

- increase the capacity of Queenslanders from culturally diverse backgrounds to access services;
- support ethnic communities to identify and access funding resources in accordance with their needs;
- improve cohesion between ethnic communities and the wider community; and
- assist government agencies and service providers to develop culturally responsive services, particularly for refugees who require intensive support in their integration with Queensland society.