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Payments to small business

MR RICHARD MULCAHY MLA: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – In relation to payments made by Minister’s department to small business:

For 2004-05, (a) how many, and (b) what proportion of payments made by the Minister’s department to small business were not made within:

- i. 30 days of receipt of the goods or services and a proper invoice in accordance with Government procurement policy.
- ii. 60days of receipt of the goods or services and a proper invoice in accordance with Government procurement policy

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

Answering the Member's question would necessitate individual checking of all invoices. This would be a time consuming and uneconomic exercise, and an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Multicultural programs

Dr FOSKEY: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – In relation the Multicultural Affairs and Community Development Unit.

1. Could the Minister please outline what the multicultural programs for the Multicultural Affairs and Community development Unit for 2006-07 will be?

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

Programs for 2006/2007

National Multicultural Festival

Manage Work Experience & Support Program

Manage the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre

ACT Muslim Advisory Council (ACTMAC)

Manage Overseas Qualifications Assessments

Manage Citizenship procedures and ceremonies

Multicultural Communication Strategy including:

- Newsletter – *Community Partners in Multicultural Affairs*
- Website
- Email d'base, mailing & contact details d'base

Register of Multicultural Advisers (ROMA)

ACT Interpreter Card

Welcome to Canberra Booklet

ACT Refugee Management – policy guidelines and programs

Manage Multicultural Events Program

Manage Community Liaison and Representation Program

Manage Multicultural Grants Program

Manage Multicultural Community Language School Grants Program

Manage Multicultural Community Radio Grants Program

Multicultural radio grants program

Dr FOSKEY: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – In relation to the Multicultural Radio Grants program.

Will there be continued funding for the Multicultural Radio Grants program in 2006-07 and 2007-08, while being administered through the Health and Community Wellbeing Grants stream?

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

The Government has asked for a detailed submission to be prepared in relation to the Health and Community Wellbeing Grants Program, and the amounts of funding available under the Program will be made known after the Government has considered that proposal.

Efficiency savings if \$523 000

MR STEVE PRATT MLA: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – regarding page 202 budget paper 4:

- 1) In 2006-07 there are efficiency savings of \$523,000, increasing slightly in the out years. What efficiency savings amount is from streamlining the multicultural affairs area;
- 2) How will the efficiency savings be achieved; and
- 3) There is an estimated outcome in 2005-06 of savings of \$40,000 from the Refugee Settlement Services program. How were these savings achieved.

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. None of the efficiency savings of \$523,000 is from streamlining the multicultural affairs area.
2. See answer to Question 1.
3. Annual funding of \$104,000 is provided for the Refugee Settlement Services Program. Where the funds cannot be expended on these services as appropriated, they are returned to Government.

Funding for extra community space in the new Griffin Centre

MR STEVE PRATT MLA: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – Regarding Budget Paper 4 page 202:

- 1) In 2006-07 there is funding for extra community space in the new Griffin Centre. The total estimated cost is \$3.053 million to be completed in September 2006. Will this extra community space include space for any multicultural or ethnic groups; If so which ones.

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

The funding of \$3,053 million for the new Griffin Centre was allocated to provide extra space for all tenants of the old Griffin Centre. Some of these original tenants have subsequently moved to the new Multicultural Centre, freeing up space in the new Griffin Centre for community groups. The new Griffin Centre is currently fully tenanted. I am not aware of any requests for space by any multicultural or ethnic groups as this matter is handled by the Griffin Centre Board.

Support and development activities

MR STEVE PRATT MLA: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – regarding the funding of \$5.080 million that has been allocated in 2006-07 for the provision of support and development activities on page 190 of budget paper 4:

- 1) How much of this \$5.080 million is specifically for multicultural affairs;
- 2) What programs is this being spent on;
- 3) How much of this is specifically for multicultural community grants if any; and
- 4) Have any multicultural programs been cut of cut back in 2006-07 that were previously funded in 2005-06. If so, which programs and why.

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

- 1) \$2.389m is specifically for multicultural affairs.
- 2) The funding is spent on the following programs in Multicultural Affairs:

Three Multicultural Grants programs;
National Multicultural Festival;
Management of the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre;
Management of the Work Experience and Support Program;
ACT Muslim Advisory Council (ACTMAC);
Management of Overseas Qualifications Assessments;
Management of Citizenship ceremonies and procedures;
Multicultural Communication Strategy: Newsletter, Website, Email
d'base/ mailing & contact d'base, Register of Multicultural Advisers
(ROMA), ACT Interpreter Card, Welcome to Canberra booklet; and
ACT Refugee Management.

- 3) The funding for the multicultural grants program is \$250,000.
- 4) No.

Work experience and support programs for migrants

MR STEVE PRATT MLA: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – Regarding page 199 budget paper 4.

- 1) What is the cost of the work experience and support program for migrants; and
- 2) How many migrants participated in 2005-06 and how many are expected to participate in 2006-07.

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

- 1) The cost is \$20,000 per program plus the cost of one quarter of a full time equivalent ASO5 staff member.
- 2) There are two programs per year; and 40 migrants participated in 2005-06 and 40 are expected to participate in 2006-07.

FTE program

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MR STEVE PRATT: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs – Can you provide a list of the Programs that the Office of Multicultural Affairs run in-house and what FTE is allocated to each of those programs and the cost? Is that taken on notice?

MINISTER HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The full time equivalent (FTE) organisational structure of the Office of Multicultural Affairs 2005/2006 was as follows:

Director

Senior Officer Grade A

Senior Officers Grade C x 2

Administrative Service Officers 6 x 2

Administrative Service Officers 5 x 2

Administrative Service Officer 4 x 2.

The salary component (Including 1/2 Director's salary) was: \$859,825.

OMA's administration and program budget was \$1,535,700.00.

The tasks and programs implemented by the Office of Multicultural Affairs included:

Three Multicultural Grants programs;

National Multicultural Festival;

Manage the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre;

Manage Work Experience and Support Program;

ACT Muslim Advisory Council (ACTMAC);

Manage Overseas Qualifications Assessments;

Manage Citizenship ceremonies and procedures;

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ACT Refugee Management.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs also undertook daily activity related to policy development and implementation, high level and strategic advice, including briefs and ministerials, to the Chief Minister, Minister and/or DHCS Executives and representation and attendance at events and functions, as well as provided support to Ministerial Council meetings and national professional bodies eg NAATI.