

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR  
LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

INQUIRY INTO THE INTEGRITY OF OVERSEAS COMMONWEALTH LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1**

**Senator Wright asked the following question at the hearing on 16 March 2012:**

Thank you for your time today. I am interested in this foreign bribery information awareness pack that AGD produces. I am just wondering what is in the pack.

**Ms Chidgey:** I would have to take that on notice.

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

The Australian Government's *Foreign Bribery Information and Awareness Pack* provides key information on the offence of bribing a foreign public official.

More information on the pack can be found online at  
<http://www.crimeprevention.gov.au/Financialcrime/Pages/InformationandAwarenesspack.aspx>

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2**

**Senator Zappia asked the following question at the hearing on 16 March 2012:**

Recently I was made aware of a grants process being in place that is available to communities in order to try to ensure that there is no terrorism in this country. It is effectively a counterterrorism grants process that I think the Department of Immigration and Citizenship might be responsible for.

**Ms Chidgey:** My department runs a grants program in the area of countering violent extremism.

**Mr ZAPPIA:** Yes, that is the one. Can you tell me how you measure the effectiveness of those grants?

**Ms Chidgey:** There is a significant government framework around grants that is administered by the department of finance, but I personally do not deal with grants at all in my area. So it is something that we would have to take on notice. The department of finance would actually be able to provide more advice on that, being the government framework around accountability for grants, as they are responsible for setting that general framework in place.

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

The Building Community Resilience grants program is funded through the \$9.7 million over four years, provided for in the 2010-11 Budget, for countering violent extremism activities.

The grants program sets specific criteria to ensure that grants are made to organisations that are committed to and capable of building community resilience to violent extremism through their proposed project. Grant recipients are expected to demonstrate established relationships and engagement with the community to support their projects at the grass roots level.

In addition, all grant recipients are required to complete evaluation reports and meet key milestones of their project before receiving payments.

The Attorney-General's Department monitors the progress and impact of each grant project.

### **QUESTION NUMBER: 3**

**Senator Zappia asked the following question at the hearing on 16 March 2012:**

Does the Attorney-General's Department perform any review process as to how those grants are allocated and in terms of to whom they are allocated?

**Ms Chidgey:** Yes. My understanding is that for all grants programs there is a general requirement to undertake accountability processes in terms of that expenditure.

**Mr ZAPPIA:** I understand it is a relatively new program.

**Ms Chidgey:** I think that is right. We would have to take more questions on notice as it is a completely different area of the department.

**Mr ZAPPIA:** Can you tell me over what period of time that program is intended to be made available to communities?

**Ms Chidgey:** I can take that on notice.

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

The Building Community Resilience grants program is funded through the \$9.7 million over four years, provided for in the 2010-11 Budget, for countering violent extremism activities.

Thus far, two grant rounds have been funded, with the recipients of the 2012-13 grant round (being the third of four) expected to be announced in early May 2012.

The final grant round is expected in 2013-14.