

CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS — DROWNINGS

4207. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

I refer to the rise in drownings among overseas-born West Australians and ask has the Office of Multicultural Interests worked with relevant State Government agencies to conduct swimming lessons specifically targeted to these citizens:

- (a) if not, why not;
- (b) if yes, which agencies:
 - (i) (i) how many lessons have been conducted for each of the past four years;
 - (ii) (ii) how many people attended the lessons for each of the past four years;
 - (iii) (iii) where were the lessons conducted for each of the past four years; and
 - (iv) (iv) from which countries did the lesson attendees originate and please list the number in each category for each of the past four years;
- (c) what funding has the Office of Multicultural Interests made available for the swimming programs for each of the past four years:
 - (v) (i) which swimming centres received the funding and when; and
- (d) did any other department provide funding for the overseas-born swimming programs?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (a) State Government agencies do not conduct swimming lessons specifically targeted to overseas-born Western Australians.
- (b) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.
- (c) In the past four years, the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) has worked with and funded the following swimming programs for CaLD communities:
 - from 2014/15 to 2016/17, the Royal Life Saving Society of WA received a total of \$110,000 to deliver the CaLD Swimming and Water Education/Safety Project.
 - in 2014/15, Surf Life Saving WA received \$35,000 to deliver the Multicultural Training Program.
- (i) As above.
- (d) Sport and Recreation (WA), a division of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, has funded the following swimming program for CaLD communities:
 - from 2014/15 to 2017/18, the Royal Life Saving Society of WA received a total of \$696,000 to deliver their Water Safety Strategy. The program included the delivery of swimming and water safety initiatives to CaLD communities
 - from 2013/14 to 2015/16, Surf Life Saving WA received a total of \$150,000 to deliver the CaLD Inclusion Program through Inclusive Sports Funding
 - in 2016/17, Surf Life Saving WA received \$5,000 to deliver the BeachSAFE CaLD Program, delivered in partnership with the Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors
 - in 2015/16 and 2016/17, Communicare received \$85,000 per annum to deliver the Active Schools Project. This included the delivery of swimming lessons (through the Royal Life Saving Society of WA) to at least 100 students from south-east metropolitan schools. Schools with high CaLD numbers were prioritised, including the Australian Islamic Colleges (Thornlie and Kewdale campuses).