

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL OF WA — FUNDING

993. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) Will the State Government continue to fund the Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia (ECCWA) on the basis that has been used by previous governments, both Labor and Coalition?
 - (2) Does the introduction of the Ethnic Organisations Fund herald a change in funding arrangements for other peak bodies, including the Western Australian Council of Social Service and the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Service; and
 - (a) if not, why is the ECCWA being singled out in this way?
 - (3) Has the Minister's Multicultural Advisory Council been consulted on this matter; and
 - (a) if so, what were their views?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) This is for the consideration of the relevant Ministers.
 - (a) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes.
 - (a) The Multicultural Advisory Group supported a review of Annual Funding Agreements and the use of an open application process for grants with priorities reflecting the Office of Multicultural Interests' Strategic Plan 2009-13. This was also the view expressed by members of the community in the Strategic Plan consultations.