

CRIMINAL PROPERTY CONFISCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

190. Hon SUE ELLERY to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the criminal property confiscation grants program's new eligibility guidelines that require applicant organisations to contribute 50 per cent of the value of a project, at least half of which must be in cash.

- (1) Did the Attorney General seek or receive any advice on what impact this would have on small to medium-sized non-government organisations with limited cash at hand or fundraising capacity?
- (2) If so, what was that advice?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

The Attorney General advises as follows —

- (1) Yes; I received advice on the desirability for projects funded under the criminal property confiscation grants program to have a more significant and broader community impact, which can be properly measured to ensure funded projects deliver value for money.
- (2) The outcomes of previous funding rounds under the criminal property confiscation grants program demonstrated that, generally, smaller and non-incorporated organisations had difficulty meeting contractual obligations, including financial accountability.

I notice that the new eligibility criteria are consistent with a range of government funding programs and should have minimal impact on any organisation that is able to demonstrate the capacity to develop, deliver, report on and evaluate projects that deliver outcomes to the community.