

Questions on Notice

Inquiry into Support for Older Victorians from Migrant and Refugee Backgrounds

Asked by: Members of the Committee

Asked on: Friday 18 February 2022

Question

In terms of the amount that has been provided to the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council, I do not have the exact amount in front of me, but I can take that on notice if you would like.

Answer

Thank you for the opportunity to take Questions on Notice and to provide the following responses.

The Victorian Government allocated \$8.5 million to developing tailored and accessible COVID-19 communications for multicultural communities. In September 2020, the Government partnered with the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council (NEMBC) to operate a regular multilingual news service, and in 2020-21, the NEMBC was provided \$779,184 in funding, through the CALD Communities Taskforce, to deliver the multilingual news service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Question

I was wondering if you could provide the committee with a list of the total spend and all the different programs and so on that you have cited today and other ones that might be available that you might have spent, please.

Answer

Across the Multicultural Affairs, and Disability Ageing and Carers portfolios, **\$167.450 million** has been provided in the financial years 2019-2020 to 2021/2022 through programs and activities that have supported culturally and linguistically diverse older Victorians during the COVID-19 pandemic. This also includes the allocation of \$21.6 million to fund the Partnering with Priority Communities vaccination initiative which included support for older migrants and refugees to access vaccination services. Programs funded by portfolio are:

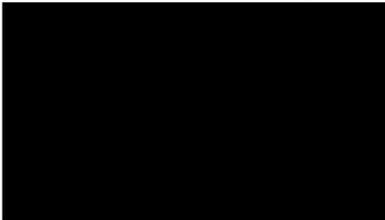
Multicultural Affairs

- Multicultural Seniors Support Program
- Coronavirus Support for Multicultural Seniors
- CALD Communities Taskforce Local Partnerships
- Funding to National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council
- Priority Response to Multicultural Communities grants program

- Priority Communities Vaccination Initiative
- Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) campaign to encourage vaccination amongst older CALD Victorians
- Local Anti-Racism Initiatives grants
- Programs to support interpreters.

Disability Ageing and Carers

- Victorian Seniors Festival
- University of Third Age Network
- Life Activities Clubs Victoria
- Support for Carers Program
- Additional Respite for Carers
- Statewide Partnership Grants
- Supporting Carers Locally Grants
- Career Pathways for Carers
- Funding for Carers Victoria peak body
- Public transport concessions for carers.



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