

## Responses to Questions on Notice or further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings

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**Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt**  
**Jade Benham**  
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**Question:** Has My Centre or AMF received any funding in past financial years or are they this financial year? If you do not have those details, can we get some details on notice, please?

### **Transcript extract**

**Jade BENHAM:** Has My Centre or AMF received any funding in past financial years or are they this financial year? If you do not have those details, can we get some details on notice, please?

**Ingrid STITT:** I would be happy to take that aspect of your question on notice and check with my department as to whether that particular organisation has received funding, but what I want to be very clear about is that we expect all our organisations that receive grants through the multicultural affairs portfolio to acquit their responsibilities in accordance with the agreement they have with the department. We also expect any organisation that receives grants to spend them appropriately in accordance with the guidelines of that particular grant.

### **Answer**

The 2023-2024 State Budget provided \$393,000 to the Multicultural Youth Centre, to support the construction of a Centre for Muslim Women's Well-being.

The Allan Labor Government is pleased to have supported a project that improves accessibility and community connections for hundreds of Muslim women in Melbourne's north.

In relation to your question about the reputable Australian Multicultural Foundation, the 2023-2024 State Budget provided \$250,000 for the delivery of a Multicultural Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Rehabilitation Centre Feasibility Study. I'm pleased to continue to work with the Australian Multicultural Foundation on their mission to improve outcomes for all of our multicultural communities and encouraging respect and understanding between all cultural groups.

No further funding has been granted to these organisations in the 2024-2025 financial year.

The Multicultural Affairs portfolio adheres to a Grants Management Framework when assessing and administering grant programs. All organisations that receive funding must comply with applicable laws and departmental policies, in addition to their obligations under the funding agreement.