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Dear Mr Davis *Philip*

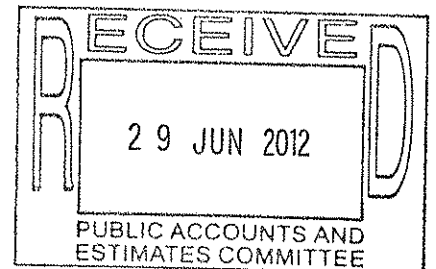
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I refer to your letter of 7 June 2012 in which you request responses to two questions which were taken on notice following the recent PAEC hearing on the multicultural affairs and citizenship portfolio.

My responses to these questions are attached.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Nicholas Kotsiras MP
Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship



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Question on Notice (1)

Please provide a list of all organisations and/or projects that have received funding through the South Asian Building Fund.

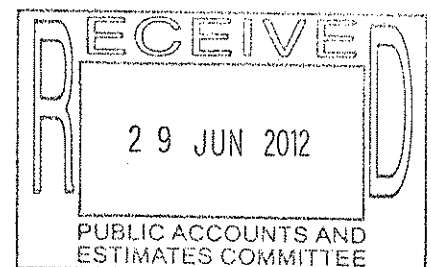
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Response

In line with the commitments made in a series of media releases prior to the State election, funding under the South Asian Building Fund has been allocated to the following three South Asian community organisations, following a formal application process and the development of project plans and funding agreements:

- Sant Nirankari Mandal Melbourne in Rowville;
- Sri Guru Nanak Satsang Sabha Temple in Blackburn; and
- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam in the Basin.

A fourth organisation, the Sri Shirdi Sai Sansthan Melbourne located in Camberwell, was unable to meet all eligibility criteria under the Fund. The remaining funds initially allocated to this project will be redirected to the Cultural Precincts and Community Infrastructure Fund, for alternative community infrastructure proposals.



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Question on Notice (2)

Please detail how many Victorian diversity employment awards were issued during the 2011-12 financial year and to whom.

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Response

Two Victorian diversity employment awards were made during the 2011-12 financial year.

The Apex Institute was awarded the Corporate Innovation Award and the Essendon Football Club was awarded the Victorian Multicultural Marketing Award.

