

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Questions Taken on Notice

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To: Hon. Dale Wakefield

Portfolio: Territory Families

Agency: Territory Families

Subject: East Arnhem Regional Council Youth Diversion Funding

QUESTION

The East Arnhem Regional Council received funding for youth diversion program 2015 to 2017. Can you provide some details of this program - what do they do, how many Yolngu are employed, how does it connect with Yolngu leaders?

ANSWER

East Arnhem Regional Council provide:

- diversionary activities to youth at risk of entering the youth justice system e.g. monitoring, recreational activities, and re-engagement;
- case management support of youth referred to a Pre-Court Diversion Program e.g. assessment, referral, and Youth Justice conferences; and
- re-integration support for youth returning from detention centres, wilderness camps or community supervision.

All four of the program delivery staff are Aboriginal (Yolngu) and they work on a part-time basis. Two are based in Yirrkala and two in Galiwin'ku. There is a non-Aboriginal co-ordinator.

<p>East Arnhem Shire Council</p>	<p>East Arnhem: North Miwatj – Galiwinku/Yirrkala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Sport & Recreational Programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to Yirrkala Youth Drop in Centre ○ Cooking classes ○ Physical activity ○ Arts projects ○ Evening basketball ○ Movie nights ○ Bush trips ○ Dance Competitions • Putting together Yirrkala Gym • Painting the Yirrkala Rec Hall • Assisting Youth Workers to deliver school holiday activities • Family/Victim Offender conferences
	<p>Connection with local leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Makka Dhuni are local clan leaders who are consulted on a monthly basis about progress and issues with young people undertaking their diversion program. • Referrals to Shepherdson College “Learning on Country” Team at Galiwin’ku. • Referrals to Raypirri Discipline Camp.

Contract information:

Territory Families provided funding to East Arnhem Regional Council to provide a Youth Diversion Program. The aim of the program is to divert young people away from the formal justice system and the courts.

Funding for the 2016-17 period was a total of \$138,330. The total funding to East Arnhem Region Council in the Annual Report is \$186,130. The difference of \$47,800 is funding for other programs.

This funding agreement services youth in the Yirrkala, Gunyangara (Ski Beach) and Galiwin'ku regions.

The target client groups are:

- Youth in Regional and Remote communities;
- Youth referred by Police or Court; and
- Youth referred after Bootcamp or Detention.

The funding agreement does not currently require reporting on Aboriginal or Yolngu employment, however this is a requirement that will be included in future contracts.

The funding agreement requires case management which includes liaison with local stakeholders such as Police, school attendance schemes and clients families.