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Dear Mr Morris

2013-14 BUDGET ESTIMATES FURTHER INFORMATION – MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

I refer to your letter of 20 June 2013 in which you request a response to a question that was taken on notice following the recent PAEC hearing on the multicultural affairs and citizenship portfolio.

My response to this question is attached.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Nicholas Kotsiras MP
Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship

**FURTHER INFORMATION
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

Question on Notice

Please provide figures for how much was spent in 2012-13:

- a. on embossed leather satchels for commissioners;
- b. on entertainment expenses for overseas delegations including premium wine, gifts and entertainment;
- c. on legal fees including fees to Lander and Rogers in regard to a bullying and harassment complaint; and
- d. by the commissioner on the credit card.

(Page 3 of the Multicultural Affairs portfolio transcript)

Response

During the 2012-13 financial year, I am advised that the following expenses were incurred by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC):

- a. \$2,000.25.
- b. \$2,043.80 on expenses for overseas delegations. There are previous examples where the VMC has incurred such expenses, for example \$1,882.50 in November 2008.
- c. No expenses were incurred by the VMC on legal fees including fees to Lander and Rogers.
- d. No expenditure, as the Commissioner does not have an allocated credit card.