

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2021-22 Budget Estimates
16 June 2021

PORTFOLIO: YOUTH

Witnesses:

- The Hon. Ros Spence MP
- Ms Nicola Young
- Ms Brigid Monagle
- Ms Gerry Goswell

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 1

1. Please provide a list of what youth programs are funded by the Youth portfolio?

Ms MONAGLE: Sorry, Minister. **Are you just asking what is funded through the youth portfolio?**

Mr RIORDAN: Yes. Basically, **what are the types of programs you have got?**

Ms SPENCE: Oh, sorry.

Mr RIORDAN: Sorry, Minister.

Ms SPENCE: I just did not understand what your question was. Yes, there is an absolute range of programs. Did you want me to talk to one specific one that is going to employment assistance?

Mr RIORDAN: No, no. **Have you just got a clear list that we can have just tabled or supplied on notice?**

Ms SPENCE: Well, there is a whole range of programs. Whether it be the Aboriginal youth engagement grants, whether it be the Aboriginal youth mentoring program, whether it be the Advance program, whether it be funding that goes to the Centre for Multicultural Youth or whether it be the community support groups and associated activities, the Empower Youth program, the Engage! program, the FReeZA program, Girl Guides, the Victorian youth program, the Youth Press Gallery program, the Youth Week, the Wakakirri—

Mr RIORDAN: **Can you provide that on notice for us—that list—Minister?**

Ms SPENCE: **I can provide you with some information on notice of a list of programs that are provided.**

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Name of Committee member asking questions: Mr R Riordan

RESPONSE

Answer:

The Youth portfolio funds a range of programs for Victorian young people aged 12-25 that strengthen wellbeing, improve education, training, skills development and career pathways, and maximise participation in community and civic life. The portfolio also invests in targeted, place-based programs that build protective factors around young people, connect them to social and economic opportunities, and foster a sense of belonging that prevents disengagement.

A complete list of programs currently funded through the Youth portfolio is provided below.

- Aboriginal Youth Engagement Grants
- Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program
- Advance
- African and Pasifika Youth Sports Program
- Community Support Groups (CSGs) and wraparound supports
- Empower Youth
- Engage!
- FReeZA
- Girl Guides Victoria
- Latrobe Youth Space
- Le Mana Pasifika Project
- Living Learning Partnership Addressing Disadvantage (PAD)
- Regional Presence Project
- Safer School Leavers
- Scouts Victoria
- Scout halls infrastructure program
- SYN Media
- Victorian Youth Congress
- Victorian Youth Parliament and Youth Press Gallery
- Victorian Youth Week
- Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge

Source: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing June 2021.