



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities



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Ms Tracey Sharpe
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Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Sharpe

The Department of Communities would like to correct factual information provided to the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee on Thursday, 19 October 2017.

Transcript Excerpt:

Ms KENNEDY: *With the \$58.3 million, there is a difference there because corporate overheads have also been incorporated into that. The figure of \$41.4 million that is invested in community service organisations was taken from the annual report of the former Department of Local Government and Communities. There is some attribution in that amount and there is an approximate difference of \$6 million. That includes when the department split as a result of the machinery of government, so appropriating the budget post becoming the Department of Communities, an element of that included the money from the Office of Multicultural Interests and Local Government grants for the capacity building program. That is as a result of the transitional side of things, because some was taken from the annual report, which accounts for that variance.*

This statement was not factually correct and the component that is required to be corrected is as follows:

That includes when the department split as a result of the machinery of government, so appropriating the budget post becoming the Department of Communities, an element of that included the money from the Office of Multicultural Interests and Local Government grants for the capacity building program.

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The values in question included in the budget statements for the Department of Communities do not include any component that relates to the Office of Multicultural Interests and Local Government.

Yours sincerely



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