

CORONAVIRUS — RELIEF FUND — INDONESIA

1051. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

I refer to the minister's joint media statement dated 5 August 2021 that advised \$2 million had been allocated for one-off grants directed through an Australian charity organisation to support COVID-19 crisis relief activities on the ground in Indonesia as it manages its second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- (1) Has the \$2 million fund been fully allocated to Indonesian community associations based in Western Australia?
- (2) Please provide a breakdown of eligible applicants, the amount provided and the name of the direct partner—a registered not-for-profit Australian charity with operations in Indonesia, or affiliated with a reputable and officially registered not-for-profit Indonesian charity—for each provided grant.
- (3) Did any of the funds directly benefit Bali or East Java, the latter with which WA has a 30-year sister-state relationship?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary, I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests.

- (1) Yes. The Indonesia COVID-19 crisis relief fund has been fully allocated to Indonesian community associations based in Western Australia.
- (2) Indonesian community associations decided to work together and provide one application as a consortium to the Indonesia COVID-19 crisis relief fund. Kreasi Indonesia Inc was selected by the consortium as the main applicant. The partner charity selected by the consortium is Save the Children Australia. The full \$2 million has been provided to the consortium and partner charity.
- (3) The consortium of Indonesian community groups worked with Save the Children to identify the most appropriate approach to the crisis response. The funding will support communities across Indonesia, including those in Bali and East Java.