



Media Release

Senator Alan Eggleston

Liberal Patron Senator for Swan

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\$399,765 for Local Answers projects in Swan

Senator Alan Eggleston today announced \$399,765 in Howard Government funding for three projects in the Swan electorate.

Senator Eggleston congratulated recipients on being among 140 communities across Australia to share in \$20 million in funding allocated under the latest round of the *Local Answers* initiative.

The following organisations received funding:

- *YMCA Perth Youth and Community Services, Inc.* will receive \$149,908 for the Sharing Time: Mentoring for Children of Prisoners program.
- *Anglicare WA* will receive \$249,856 for the Youth Parents Support Unit program.

"Projects such as these will create opportunities for families in our community and build on their skills and abilities," Senator Eggleston said.

The *Local Answers* initiative is part of the \$490 million Stronger Families and Communities Strategy, giving communities the power to develop their own solutions through small-scale projects.

Funding for *Local Answers* is provided by the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Mal Brough.

"This funding is another example of the Howard Government's continued commitment to helping families and communities across Australia," Senator Eggleston said.

For further information on the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy, visit www.facs.gov.au/sfcs. Future *Local Answers* funding rounds will be advertised on the website and in newspapers.