

APPENDIX 13

Discretionary Grants Program

During 1997-98 the Attorney-General's Department provided funds to organisations under a discretionary grants program. The name of the program, a brief description of its purpose and a list of grant recipients under that program are set out below.

GRANTS TO AUSTRALIAN ORGANISATIONS

This grant program provides funding to a range of organisations for a variety of purposes. The two main components are funding for legal services in relation to the Child Support Scheme and funding for judicial education programs through the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA).

In regard to the Child Support Scheme, the aim of the program is to improve levels of compliance under the Scheme and so increase the number of children being properly supported by their separated parents rather than by sole parent pension payments from the Department of Social Security. In regard to judicial education, the grant program implements the government's policy to maintain funding for judicial education programs through the AIJA.

Grants are also provided to several institutions in relation to legal education, training and the development of legal ties with other countries. A number of other organisations also receive grants to assist them in providing information and advice to the community in a range of areas including human rights, civil liberties, family law, community welfare services, administrative law and international humanitarian law.

Grant recipients during 1997-98 were:

- Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne
- Australian Institute of Administrative Law
- Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
- Australian National University
- Australian Red Cross
- Centre for Legal Education, Sydney
- Court Network, Melbourne
- New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties
- University of Sydney
- Victorian Council for Civil Liberties