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## Party and Independent Commitments on Multicultural Affairs

The Liberals, Labor, the Greens, Councillor Kristie Johnston, and the Honourable Sue Hickey MP have replied to a questionnaire sent by the Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT).

The questionnaire asks for support for at least \$650,000 of spending in 2021-22:

- to support community language schools,
- for cultural and language awareness training in our emergency services,
- for dedicated multicultural gathering spaces,
- to tap into experience and qualifications obtained outside Tasmania,
- for emergency relief for temporary visa holders ineligible for JobSeeker who have suffered significant income loss in Tasmania due to COVID-19, and
- for anti-racism campaigning.

The reply from the **Liberals** outlines related announcements such as yesterday's **\$474,000 "Supporting our Multicultural Communities" policy**, which includes funding for a Multicultural Hub in Launceston based on the successful Multicultural Hub in Moonah.

The reply from **Labor** states that **"Labor will commit \$750,000 to the Multicultural Council of Tasmania to achieve the priorities outlined by the Questionnaire"**.

The reply from the **Greens** states **"Yes"** to every commitment sought by MCOT for spending in 2021-22, and commits an extra \$250,000 for emergency relief for temporary visa holders, anti-racism campaigning in public schools, and extra base funding for MCOT.

The reply from **Councillor Kristie Johnston** states **"Yes"** to every commitment sought by MCOT for spending in 2021-22.

The reply from **the Honourable Sue Hickey MP** states that **"Ms Hickey notes the specific funding requests and undertakes to work with MCOT to see those resources provided in the term of the next government"**.

The questionnaire and replies are at [https://www.mcot.org.au/state\\_election](https://www.mcot.org.au/state_election).

MCOT is hosting a Clark candidates forum from 6:30pm to 8:30pm tonight (Tuesday 13 April) at the Multicultural Hub, 65 Hopkins St Moonah. Media are welcome (RSVPs appreciated given capacity limits).

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