

Media Statement

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Victorian Government announcement of funding support for the ICV's Ramadan Iftar program for Muslim families

The ICV welcomes the announcement from Minister Ros Spence, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, that the Victorian Government will be providing the ICV with \$20,000 to support our halal food pack distribution campaign to families in need.

“We’d like to thank Minister Spence and the Victorian Government for this much needed financial contribution that will allow the ICV to continue our work supporting Muslim families, refugees and international students during the holy month of Ramadan, made even more urgent during this challenging time”, said ICV President Mohamed Mohideen.

In addition to the halal food pack campaign, the ICV has also established an emergency fund of \$20,000 for Muslim families experiencing severe financial hardships as a result of the current Covid-19 crisis.

Mosques and Muslim organisations are using online technology to connect with their communities, and this will only increase during the holy month. Thus the ICV is launching an initiative to help mosques best leverage this technology with the assistance of the Victorian Government who are providing \$5,000 to cover the costs of subscribing to the Zoom online platform.

“The current restrictions on community gatherings provide an opportunity for Muslim families to focus on the message of spiritual renewal and empathy for those less fortunate, as a family”, said Mr Mohideen.

The ICV would like to wish the Muslim community a blessed and safe Ramadan.

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