

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice, if you have already determined what that arrangement is, how that is going to be determined, and under what criteria the Local Solutions Fund allocations will be made?

Mr Dunn: Yes.

Answer:

The Local Solutions Fund will provide \$25 million of funding across 10 selected Local Government Areas. The Fund opened on 14 March 2012.

Applicants for project funding must meet the requirements as stipulated in the Better Futures, Local Solutions Grant Program Guidelines. These guidelines are available on the department's website (www.humanservices.gov.au).

Projects will be assessed by a Local Advisory Group in each location, with support from a Community Action Leader and Government Action Leader.

The National Place-Based Advisory Group may also identify and recommend projects to the Minister or delegate.