

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Examination of Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 2009-2010

Included in this volume are answers to written and oral questions taken on notice and tabled papers relating to the supplementary budget estimates hearing on 22 October 2009 and cross portfolio Indigenous matters hearing 23 October 2009

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Boyce	192	Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program	04.02.10
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Boyce	176	Footprints in Time: Longitudinal study of Indigenous Children	04.02.10
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Program Title	Program Component	Recipient	Purpose	Acceptance Date	Grant Id	Grant Term (Months)	Grant Funding Location	Postcode	Value inc GST
Municipal Services Indigenous Communities Strategic Investment	Infrastructure Maintenance, Landscaping and Dust Control, Management of Infrastructure & Municipal Services, MUNS Governance and Administration, Waste Disposal Activities	Raukkan Community Council Inc La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council	Municipal services to Raukkan	1/10/2009	67095	12	Adelaide Office	5259	293,984.90
	Services		La Perouse NAIDOC Ball.. Conduct research, coordinate and disseminate information and resources and conduct coordination and professional development activities	30/09/2009	67072	12	Sydney Office	2036	1,650.00
Native Title Program Other	Native Title Program Other	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)		28/09/2009	67012	36	Land Branch	2601	2,257,184.60
Native Title Program Other	Native Title Program Other	Collaborative Solutions	Mooka and Kalara United Families claim: Anthropologist.	28/09/2009	67057	12	Land Branch	2470	12,973.40
Indigenous Women Public Awareness	Indigenous Women's Program Public Awareness	OUTBACK AREAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST Vibe Australia	Develop mentoring and teaching program for the women of Dunjiba. Deadlys 2010.	25/09/2009 25/09/2009	64185 64203	12 12	Port Augusta Office Sydney Office	5734 2000	26,400.00 22,000.00
Municipal Services	Dog Control & Animal Management, Landscaping and Dust Control, Management of Infrastructure & Municipal Services, Waste Disposal Activities	OUTBACK AREAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Provision of Municipal Services to Dunjiba Community.	25/09/2009	66628	12	Port Augusta Office	5734	162,279.70
Municipal Services ABA beneficial payments under section 64.4	Management of Infrastructure & Municipal Services ABA beneficial payments under section 64.4	Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation Northern Land Council	Municipal services - Coen and surrounding Outstations Top End Land and Sea Ranger Program.	25/09/2009 25/09/2009	66732 66871	12 24	Cairns Office Aboriginals Benefit Account	4871 0801	147,558.40 3,922,142.40
Indigenous Women	Indigenous Women's Program	Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service	Boorai Bumps - Mums and Bubs to strengthen self esteem, skills and knowledge of young Aboriginal mums	24/09/2009	64105	12	Wagga Wagga Office	3691	5,500.00
Indigenous Women	Indigenous Women's Program	Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service	To develop and support young Indigenous women to become peer leaders in the community and to undertake leadership roles.	24/09/2009	64109	12	Wagga Wagga Office	2640	16,500.00
Advancement of Rights to Land & Sea	Advancement of Aboriginal lands and seas	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Provide effective administration of the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and conduct land management activities as required.	24/09/2009	65139	12	Queanbeyan Office	2540	561,947.10
Municipal Services Housing Assistance and Homelessness Prevention	Infrastructure Maintenance Housing Affordability Fund	Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association Inc Gold Coast City Council	MUNS HAF Hybrid	24/09/2009 24/09/2009	66966 1-AUD4D8	12 33	Tasmania ICC Surfers Paradise, QLD	7257 4217	264,742.50 \$176,000
ABA beneficial payments under section 64.4	ABA beneficial payments under section 64.4	AMSANT Incorporated	Extend the Building Leadership and Capacity Program to Amangal and Bagot Communities.	22/09/2009	66193	24	Aboriginals Benefit Account	0800	546,260.00
Indigenous Women	Indigenous Women's Program	Gippsland Lakes Community Health Incorporated	The project complements YooWINNA Wurnalung Healing Service funding provided by the Victorian Department of Human Services for the Women's Program Co-ordinator.. Hope Vale Municipal Services operational funding for maintenance of essential services including	21/09/2009	65489	12	Victoria Office	3909	38,500.00
Municipal Services	Management of Infrastructure & Municipal Services	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	infrastructure, rubbish collection, animal management.	21/09/2009	66724	12	Cairns Office	4895	135,254.90

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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 002

- **Topic:** Consultancies

Hansard Page: CA6

Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide the website link for the full list of contracts and consultancies?

Answer:

Details of all consultancies and contracts entered into by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) can be accessed from AusTender at the following link:

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/>

Details of contracts and consultancies with a value of \$100,000 or more required to be published under the terms of Senate Order 192 can be found on FaHCSIA's web-site at the following link:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/overview/Pages/ContractListing.aspx>

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Question No: 003

- **Topic:** Grants by Electorate

Hansard Page: CA11

Senator Scullion asked:

Would it be useful to publish a list of grants by electorate in some kind of public database?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs publishes details of all new grant funding on its internet page. Details include the program, organisation funded, locality, state and postcode of the service.

While the department has no plans to publish this information by electorate, it is possible for individuals to download information from the website and sort by any of the columns provided.

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Question No: 004

- **Topic:** Grants Website

Hansard Page: CA15

Senator Scullion asked:

Could you please provide a website link to the full list of grants information?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs publishes details of all new grant funding on its internet page. The information can be found at:
<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/grantsfunding/announcements/Pages/default.aspx>

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Question No: 005

Topic: Advertising and Marketing

Hansard Page: CA15

Senator Scullion asked:

Is there a total sum within this reporting period that has been identified as being spent on advertising and marketing?

Answer:

The amounts spent on advertising agencies, direct mail organisations and media advertising agencies are outlined in tables 4.14, 4.15 & 4.16 in the Department's 2008-09 Annual Report.

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Outcome Number: 6

Question No: 168

- **Topic:** Employer reporting and sanctions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How many organisations have been sanctioned – and what has the trend been for the last three years – can EOWA provide figures?

Answer:

There are 12 organisations on the current non-compliant list (2007-08 reporting period). Eleven of these organisations have been non-compliant for three or more consecutive years. A revised non-complaint list is due to be released on 26 November 2009 when the EOWA Annual Report is due to be tabled in Parliament.

The number of organisations on the non-compliant list for the prior three years has remained relatively consistent with 13 in 2006-07, 13 in 2005-06 and 14 in 2004-05.

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- **Topic:** Employer reporting and sanctions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Under the Contract Compliance Policy:

- a. After an organisation has been deemed non-compliant, can you explain in detail the steps you go through to notify the Government that an organisation is non-compliant?
- b. Is there a central government register?
- c. Do you know how many organisations have been rejected from tendering for government contracts?
- d. Are you confident that this process is working?

Answer:

- a. Sanctions for non-compliance include naming in Parliament and non-eligibility for government contracts and certain industry assistance programs. EOWA is responsible for naming and Government Procurement Policy (published by the Department of Finance and Deregulation) specifies that Commonwealth departments and agencies should not enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and services from organisations not compliant with the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act (EOWW). This policy is also supported by governments in ACT, SA and Vic. It is the responsibility of each Department and Agency to ensure it complies with the government procurement policy.
- b. The Agency staff are unaware of any central government register.
- c. No.
- d. While EOWA does not retain records of any organisations that have been unable to tender for procurement contracts as a consequence of non-compliance with the EOWW Act, it has been directly contacted by a number of organisations seeking information and assistance in regard to compliance to become compliant and then proceed with their tenders.

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Question No: 170

- **Topic:** Data Collection

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Government has announced \$100,000 for data collection on the status of women in the local government sector. Will this data be made available to EOWA? If so, when?

Answer:

The Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government is making available \$100,000 in 2009-10 for the collection of data to measure participation rates of women in elected and senior management positions. This project will be managed through the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, and the results will be publicly available. The first report is expected to be produced in 2010.

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Question No: 172

- **Topic:** Survey

Hansard Page: CA81

Senator Boyce asked:

Could you please provide a copy of the survey - the actual questions?

Answer:

Paid Maternity/ Primary carer's Leave

1. Does your organisation provide paid maternity/ primary carer's leave?

Yes (*Go to Q1.1*)

No (*Go to Q2*)

Don't know (*Go to Q2*)

- 1.1 How many weeks is this provided for? (*Code the longest duration provided to any category of staff*)

Number of weeks _____

Don't know

- 1.2 How long do women need to have worked at your organisation before they can access paid maternity leave? (*If different time frames exist, code the minimum amount of time*)

No eligibility period imposed

Up to & including 12 months

13 to 18 months

More than 18 months

Don't know

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Paid Paternity/ secondary carer's leave

2. Does your organisation also provide paid paternity/ secondary carer's leave?
[Select 'Yes' if they provide paid parental leave to secondary care-giver.]

Yes (*Go to Q 2.1*)

No (*Go to Q 3*)

Don't know (*Go to Q3*)

- 2.1 For how long do you provide that?

No. of days: _____

Don't know duration

Pay Equity

3. Does your organisation undertake an annual gender pay equity analysis?

Yes (*Go to Q 3.1*)

No (*Go to Q 4*)

Don't know (*Go to Q 4*)

- 3.1 From the following list of options, what form does your gender pay equity analysis take?

- a. Pay details are collated for the EO report provided to EOWA
- b. A Pay Equity Tool is used such as the one on the EOWA website
- c. Other than for benchmarking salaries, do you engage external consultants to conduct a specific gender pay gap analysis

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- d. Other
- e. Don't know

3.2 Has this analysis resulted in a plan of action/program to address any problems that were highlighted?

Yes (*Go to Q 4*)

No (*Go to Q 4*)

Don't know (*Go to Q 4*)

Global Financial Crisis

4. Has the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) had an impact on the workplace program you've just reported on?

Yes (*Go to Q 4.1*)

No

Don't know

4.1 From the following options, please indicate if this impact on your program has seen an increase or decrease:

- a. to the budget and/or resources for your EEO program
- b. to flexible working arrangements
- c. to training and development arrangements
- d. of focus in your EEO program at management level
- e. Other

EXTRA SURVEY QUESTION

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“Given the government’s announcement that a paid parental leave scheme will be introduced on 1 January 2011, does your organisation plan to CHANGE its current practice?”

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- If “Don’t Know”: Database Code: Don’t know
If “No”: Database Code: No
If “Yes” (ie they are planning to change their current practice), ASK: “What changes do you think will take place?”

RESPONSES

Don’t know

EBA/Award is to be negotiated before then so they’ll be seeing what happens with that

Cancel the current employer-paid parental leave scheme

Pay the difference between the govt paid scheme and the employee’s salary for their current period of leave

Pay the difference between the govt paid scheme and the employee’s salary for the government’s 18 weeks

Pay the difference between the govt paid scheme and the employee’s salary for a period between what’s currently offered and 18 wks

Employer will pay the current leave \$ on top of the Government amount for their current period of leave (eg 12 weeks)

Employer will pay the current leave \$ on top of the Government amount for the 18 weeks

Employer will pay the current leave \$ on top of the Government amount for a period of time between what’s currently offered and 18 wks

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Question No: 173

- **Topic:** Staffing

Hansard Page: CA84

Senator Boyce asked:

Are you able to split them for me between full time and part time?

Answer:

As at 22 October 2009 EOWA had 12 on-going staff 2 of whom work part-time, and 7 non on-going staff 3 of whom work part-time.

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Question No: 174

- **Topic:** EOWA Review

Hansard Page: CA91

Senator Boyce asked:

Can you tell me about the advertising of the review. What was the cost of that and where was it done?

Answer:

An advertisement for public submissions to the EOWA review appeared in major metropolitan newspapers on Saturday 5 September 2009. Newspapers that the advertisement appeared in:

- Adelaide Advertiser;
- The Australian;
- Australian Financial Review;
- Brisbane Courier Mail;
- Canberra Times;
- Daily Telegraph;
- Herald Sun – Melbourne;
- Hobart Mercury;
- Melbourne Age;
- Northern Territory News;
- Sydney Morning Herald; and
- West Australian.

The total cost of advertising for the EOWA review public submissions was \$27,621.40 (GST inclusive).

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Question No: 241

- **Topic:** Diz Home Improvements

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Has Indigenous Business Australia ever funded Diz Home Improvements? If so, could you explain the nature of the funding?

Answer:

Yes, Indigenous Business Australia provided a business loan to Diz Home Improvements in 2006.

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Question No: 242

- **Topic:** Diz Home Improvements

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is Indigenous Business Australia still funding Diz Home Improvements? If not, why not?

Answer:

Diz Home Improvements has a loan with Indigenous Business Australia and there is still a commercial relationship between Diz Home Improvements and Indigenous Business Australia.

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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 001

- **Topic:** Status of Election Commitments

Hansard Page: CA4

Senator Scullion asked:

What is the status of each of the election commitments within the FaHCSIA portfolio?

Answer:

This information is available in the answer provided to Senate Questions on Notice Nos. S153 to S188. Also refer to published reports such as the Government's One Year Progress Report (November 2008) and the Mid Term Progress Report (June 2009) available at www.pmc.gov.au.

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Question No: 011

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Service

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Minister announced in June 2008 that 50 services will be rolled out over 4 years to the IPSS. Will 50 services still be rolled out by June 2012?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question No: 012

- **Topic:** Income Management

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

During last estimates, you said that there were 1,064 income support recipients in the Cape York area and 757 CDEP recipients who are being affected by the income management trial. Do these figures represent the number of people actually having their money managed in the scheme, or merely the amount of people eligible? Can you give me an update on how many people are currently having their money managed in the Scheme?

Answer:

The numbers quoted are the people who are welfare recipients, living in the four welfare reform communities, when the trials started 1 July 2008. As at 23 October 2009, there were 93 income support recipients in the Cape York area whose welfare payments were being income managed.

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Question No: 013

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

There has been criticism that the trials should be formally evaluated to judge their success. Is the Department considered making a formal evaluation of the program?

Answer:

A formal evaluation was always an integral part of the trial. \$1.6 million dollars has been allocated for the evaluation of the trials (\$0.8 million from Australian Government and \$0.8 million from Queensland Government). On 15 December 2008, the Project Board overseeing the Cape York welfare reforms agreed to an Evaluation Framework. The full evaluation framework is available at:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/cape_york_welfare_reform_trial/Pages/default.aspx

The Evaluation framework sets out four key evaluation questions:

- Was the reform implemented as agreed by the three parties?
- Are social norms and behaviours changing?
- Has service provision changed in a way that supports norm and behaviour change?
- Have governance arrangements supported changes in service provision and social norms and behaviours?

The evaluation framework proposes that these questions will be answered via three key evaluation products:

- Implementation review of the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) proposed for completion in 2010;
- Substantial progress report covering implementation issues and early progress in achieving outcomes, by the end of 2010;
- An outcome report synthesising results by the end of 2011.

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Question No: 014

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Under the types of referrals made by the commission, 91 referrals have been made to 'other'. Can you explain what kind of referrals are covered under 'other'. Can we have a list of where these 91 referrals were made to?

Answer:

The FRC, which is a Queensland Statutory body which has received one-off establishment funding from the Australian Government and funding over the life of the trial from the Queensland Government, makes referrals to a range of support services. These include Family Income Management, School Attendance Case Managers, Wellbeing Centres and parenting programmes. On occasion, the FRC makes referrals to other services and these are summarised in the 'other' category. The Registrar of the FRC advises that this 'other' category summarises referrals to other forms of assistance inside and outside of the community. These include referrals to Centrelink, disability services, health and mental health services, literacy and numeracy, driver education, support to attend boarding school, ending offending courses and other forms of counselling.

The FRC publishes quarterly monitoring report and has recently published its first annual report. All publicly available information is available at:

<http://www.atsip.qld.gov.au/government/families-responsibilities-commission/>

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Question No: 015

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The FRC does not process notices given that are not in their jurisdiction. What happens to notices that are not in the jurisdiction after the FRC has rejected them? Are they handed onto another body or are they ignored?

Answer:

The FRC Registrar advises that they destroy such notices, according to requirements set out under Queensland law. They are not handed onto another body.

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Question No: 016

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

There has been discussion between the links between school attendance and income management and some commentators have nominated income management as the reason for the increase in school attendance in Cape York. Does the Department believe that income management is the driving factor behind the increase in school attendance?

Answer:

It is too early to say what factors are responsible for the rise in school attendance in Cape York. As noted in an earlier answer, the Cape York welfare reform trials are being formally evaluated. In the programme theory underlying the design of the trials and as set out in the From Hand Out to Hand Up design reports, it is argued that a complementary package of measures are necessary to change incentives and supports, rebuild social norms and strengthen capabilities in order to improve school attendance. This has seen a multi-pronged approach being taken to improve school attendance in the Cape York Welfare Reform communities. Income management, under this approach, is part of an inter-related and complementary set of measures being implemented to improve school attendance. The key elements are:

- the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) which can hold conferences with parents whose children have three unexplained absences in a term to discuss ways of improving their children's school attendance;
- encouraging local Indigenous authority, through the local leaders emphasising to parents the importance of education and attending school;
- school attendance case managers, who work with families whose children are not attending school on a regular basis, including to help them access boarding schools for older children;
- a program to improve literacy (Multilit) so that children who are behind have help in catching up;
- budgeting assistance (both through Income Management and the voluntary Family Income Management budgeting programme) and the establishment of student education trusts to enable families to pay for children's daily living needs and save for education costs;
- support services to help people address issues which may be impacting on school attendance.

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Question No: 017

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Queensland Magistrates Court must submit a Court Offence Notice if a person is convicted of an offence. What is the rate of re-offending amongst those who the FMC has received a notice about?

Answer:

The FRC Registrar advises that the FRC cannot provide an answer to this question, as it would require complex analyses of their administrative systems. The 4th quarterly report, however, records that 406 out of 710 FRC clients (57%) were the subject of 2 or more notices between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. Notices can be sent from 4 notifying bodies – the Magistrates Court, the Department of Communities, Education authorities, Housing tenancy managers.

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Question No: 019

- **Topic:** Stronger Families and Communities Strategy Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Department spent \$3.8 million for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy Program evaluation. Including \$1.8 million to the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) at the University of NSW. What process did the Department use to choose a Research Centre such as the SPRC? Was there a tender process

Answer:

The Department conducted an open tender process to select the evaluation consortium which included The Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW and the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

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Question No: 020

- **Topic:** Stronger Families and Communities Strategy Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The new Program will take 2 years to implement and during that time the Department has indicated that it will be consulting with families through a series of focus groups where parents will be brought together to talk about the services they might have engaged with. Does the Department now have the number of focus groups it will be holding? What costs are involved in running focus groups? Does the Department conduct them directly or will it engage an external company? If the Department does engage a certain company to conduct the focus groups, which company has been chosen?

Answer:

Four focus groups were held with families using/likely to use Family Support Program services. Two were held in Bundaberg (Qld), one in Sunshine West (Vic) and one in Canberra. The focus groups were part of the Family Support Program consultation process conducted between June-July 2009 around how the new Program would operate in the future. The focus groups were designed to gain a deeper understanding of disadvantaged families' experiences in relation to their use of support services.

The cost of running the focus group interviews was \$17,034.33.

The Department engaged an external company selected from its evaluation panel of preferred suppliers.

The Institute of Child Protection Studies from the Australian Catholic University was selected to conduct the focus groups.

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Question No: 021

- **Topic:** Stronger Families and Communities Strategy Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How will the Department choose which families will be selected for the focus groups?
How will the Department ensure that all types of families are represented (eg. single parent families, families from a low and high socio-economic background), and that families from a diverse range of areas are represented?

Answer:

The Family Support focus groups were drawn from existing participants from the Families Experience of Support Services research program being conducted by the Institute of Child Protection Studies, with an additional focus group undertaken in Canberra. People selected for the Canberra focus group had been in contact with a regional community service.

The methodology used by the Institute selected a range of single parent families and families from a low socio-economic background included clients sourced from the Centrelink database within three categories of income support (Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered and Disability Support Pension), with at least one child under 16 years. The selection methodology assisted to capture families both partnered and single from a low socio-economic background, as the Family Support Program is particularly focussed on meeting the needs of at risk or disadvantaged families and children.

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Question No: 022

- **Topic:** Stronger Families and Communities Strategy Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Department was planning to have the budgeted costs available of the different types of consultations with families and service providers before the new program is implemented. Are budgeted costs now available and what are they?

Answer:

The Family Support Program consultation process cost a total of \$43,263.28. Table A provides a breakdown of the different consultation activities and associated costs. Funding was sourced from within the Departmental allocation.

Table A - Costs of Family Support Program Consultations

Consultation Activity	Costing
Printing Discussion paper	\$3,118.50
Stakeholder Workshop 8 April 2009	\$3,660.72
Stakeholder Workshop 30 July 2009	\$2,586.15
National Consultation Forums	\$16,863.58
Client Focus Group Interviews	\$17,034.33
Total	\$43,263.28

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Question No: 024

- **Topic:** Communities for Children Plus Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

With regards to the Communities for Children Plus program, the funding for this program starts in 2009-10, yet at last estimates the Department was unable to provide details of the process for selecting the deliverers of those services.

- Does the Department now have an idea as to how the deliverers of these services will be selected? Has the Department already taken steps to select these deliverers?

Answer:

The Department is undertaking a combination of direct and restricted selection processes reflecting that some sites are extensions to existing services while others are new services. Selection documentation governs the selection process, with all providers having to demonstrate their capacity against the criteria.

Selection of the provider in Launceston Tasmania was announced on Thursday 12 November 2009. The preferred provider, Anglicare, is scheduled to commence services in January 2010.

Applications for the new service in Cardinia, Victoria closed 19 November 2009 and are currently being assessed.

Negotiations are progressing with the provider in Ipswich.

The Department is in discussions with State and Territory Governments regarding the selection of sites for the five remaining Communities for Children Plus services.

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Question No: 025

- **Topic:** Communities for Children Plus Program

Hansard Page: Written

- **Senator Boyce** asked:
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- What is happening to the funding whilst the Department are selecting deliverers? Will the program be extended given the amount of time it has taken to select these providers?

Answer:

Communities for Children Plus funding allows for a phased implementation and all 2009-10 funding will be expended. The program funding is ongoing.

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Question No: 026

- **Topic:** Communities for Children Plus Program

Hansard Page: Written

- **Senator Boyce** asked:
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- Given that the program aims to address community engagement in local areas, has the Department organised to meet with local governments across Australia? If so, which local governments has the Department organised to meet with?

Answer:

The Department is engaging in discussions with State and Territory governments in all Communities for Children Plus sites. Many sites will involve local governments on their governing committees and where appropriate the providers will link children and families to services provided by local government.

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Question No: 027

- **Topic:** Family Relationship Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Last estimates the Department provided a list of each provider for the Government's Family Relationship Services program, the location they operated in and their funding. We discussed whether some of these providers had been underperforming and you responded that there had been. How does the Department determine whether a provider is underperforming – are there a common list of KPI's or are there individualised performance indicators broken down by provider and/or area?

Answer:

A funding recipient's performance is measured against a range of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) incorporated in the Family Relationship Services (FRS) Guidelines and the Community and Family Partnerships Guidelines. These KPIs are linked to specific service types or activities rather than by provider or by area.

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Question No: 030

- **Topic:** Family Relationship Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Does the Department believe that having targeted numbers for each service providers gives these providers an incentive to look for problems in potential clients when there are not any? How does the Program take these issues into account?

Answer:

No, the Department does not believe that client targets provide incentives to look for problems in potential clients. The Department monitors the delivery of services by providers, client presenting needs and client satisfaction to ensure client targets do not drive inappropriate service delivery

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Question No: 031

- **Topic:** Baby Bonus

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Is it correct that 281,000 families received the baby bonus in 2008-09? Is this number expected to rise or fall, and to what extent?

Answer:

The actual number of families paid the Baby Bonus in 2008-09 was 278,000. This was for 283,000 children.

The number of grants of Baby Bonus is expected to decline by around 40 per cent in 2011-12 due to the introduction of Paid Parental Leave (PPL). PPL will commence in January 2011.

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Question No: 032

- **Topic:** Paid Parental Leave

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

On what modelling was the assumption made that this scheme would result in the increase of average leave taken by women after childbirth by around 10 weeks?

Answer:

The Productivity Commission estimated that new mothers are likely to extend their leave from work by an average of ten weeks following the introduction of the proposed statutory paid parental leave scheme.

Details of this analysis can be found in Appendix G of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report, *Paid Parental Leave: Support for Parents with Newborn Children*, February 2009.

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Question No: 033

- **Topic:** Paid Parental Leave

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Productivity Commission contends that 83 per cent of Australian women already stay at home with their babies for the first six months. Is the message from the Government to these 83 per cent of women that they ought to be heading back to work after just 6 months?

Answer:

The Productivity Commission estimated that 26-31 per cent of mothers who were in paid employment prior to childbirth, return to work before their child is six months old (PC Final Report, page 3.19). The Paid Parental Leave Scheme will financially assist more women to stay at home for at least six months (PC Final Report, page 4.53).

The Government believes that it can assist mothers to take time off work to care for their children in the vital early months of their child's development.

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Question No: 034

- **Topic:** Paid Parental Leave

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

In examining this particular scheme, has the Government given any consideration to the "social capital" of those women who do choose to take time out of the paid workforce for a period?

Answer:

One of the aims of the Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme is to enable a primary carer to extend their period of leave following a birth or adoption. This is expected to have child and maternal health benefits.

Details of the evidence supporting these benefits can be found in Appendices D and H of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report, *Paid Parental Leave: Support for Parents with Newborn Children*; February 2009.

The Government is committed to supporting families with children, whether or not the mother is currently participating in paid work. After the PPL scheme commences in 1 January 2011, the Baby Bonus and Family Tax Benefits will still be available to assist eligible families who do not qualify for PPL and for those who choose not to participate in the scheme.

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Question No: 035

- **Topic:** FRSP Contract Providers

Hansard Page: CA77

Senator Scullion asked:

It has been put to me that the contract providers in the Family Relationships Services Program were in fact required to notify the department should they incur a speeding ticket. Why would this information be important? You might note how many reported speeding tickets and what were the ramifications in terms of the contractual arrangement with FaHCSIA?

Answer:

No Family Relationship Services service providers funded under the Family Support Program have been requested to report to the Department that a member of their organisation has received a speeding ticket. Neither have any providers voluntarily reported receiving speeding tickets to the Department.

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Question No: 018

- **Topic:** Family Responsibility Commission

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Are there any plans to introduce these schemes with a Family Responsibility Commission elsewhere in Australia?

Answer:

The recent Policy Statement *Landmark Reform to the Welfare System, Reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act and Strengthening the Northern Territory Emergency Response* announced that the Australian Government will support the development of a community based approach in some Northern Territory communities to re-establish social norms, drawing on the learnings from the Cape York welfare reforms, in particular the operation of the Queensland Family Responsibilities Commission. It will do this in consultation with communities and will require communities to request such an approach. An engagement phase with interested communities is anticipated over 2010-11.

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Question No: 028

- **Topic:** Family Relationship Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

When a provider has not been performing adequately, how is this resolved? Does the Department withdraw funding, increase funding, or directly work with the provider to resolve certain issues?

Answer:

- The Department monitors progress against agreed requirements and obligations throughout each year of funding. This includes monitoring against a range of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) incorporated in the Family Relationship Services (FRS) Guidelines and the Community and Family Partnerships Guidelines.
- Organisations funded under the Family Support Program, delivering family relationship services (FRS) must meet the program's Approval Requirements. The Approval Requirements are a set of quality standards that an organisation must meet to obtain and receive ongoing Commonwealth funding. Compliance against the Approval Requirements is assessed by external independent assessors. Where an organisation is assessed as non or partially compliant a remedial action plan with agreed timelines is implemented and monitored by the Department.
- Each FRS organisation is required to meet other obligations under its funding agreement. Where obligations are not met remediation strategies are implemented and monitored by the Department.
- If remediation strategy is ineffective the Department makes an assessment on the appropriateness and viability of the service. Any decision to terminate a service would include consideration of how best to ensure that there are no gaps in service delivery to the local community.
- The Department's policy is to always work directly and proactively with organisations to pre-empt issues before they escalate.

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Question No: 006

- **Topic:** Family Violence Projects

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

There were 47 projects funded under the Family Violence Partnership. Could the department please provide details of each project funded including project delivery area.

Answer:

The Family Violence Partnership Program (FVPP) provides funding for partnerships with State and Territory Governments to jointly fund initiatives that address family violence.

In 2008-09 there were 47 FVPP projects funded. A brief description of each FVPP project and the community that they support can be found at **Attachment A**.

FVPP Projects Funded (2008-09)

FVPP	Organisation	Project Name	Brief Description	Community Supported - RSD BOLD
NSW - 4	Attorney-General's Department (NSW State Government)	Conflict Awareness	Develop and deliver conflict awareness, management and facilitation training in Indigenous communities in NSW. Involve and utilise the traditional skills of community Elders in addressing family violence and community problems.	Project reach extends across NSW as it assists 12 Indigenous communities across the state.
	NSW Department of Health-	Greater Western Aboriginal Family Health Workers	Employ additional Aboriginal Family Workers to facilitate community development to help address family violence. They provide a key point of contact, referral, support, education, coordination and community development for family violence victims and offenders.	Broken Hill, Bourke
	Department of Community Services	Orana Far West Safe Houses	Strengthen the current service system that supports Indigenous women and children in the Orana Far West exposed to family violence by employing five Aboriginal Family Linkages Workers to assess families entering existing safe houses.	Brewarrina, Bourke, Walgett , Lightning Ridge, Wilcannia
	Anglicare Canberra & Goulburn	South West Wagga Wagga Community Investment	Increase service coordination and partnerships to ensure appropriate services are delivered to reduce family violence. Develop parenting and relationship skills through case coordination and establish a range of youth activities to assist in early detection and intervention of family violence.	Wagga Wagga Housing Estates: Ashmont, Koorinal, Tolland

NT - 11	Central Australia Aboriginal Congress Inc	Anger Management and Conflict Resolution Training	Provide training to eight elders and respected men from diverse Indigenous communities to develop in conjunction with psychologists strategies to appropriately address anger issues within their communities.	Alice Springs
	Department of the Chief Minister	Jidan gudbalawei (Peace at Home)	Develop and implement intervention family violence action plan and services appropriate to client needs. Develop a service to co-locate Police and FACS staff to address family violence issues.	Katherine, Borroloola, Yarralin, Binjari, Jilkminggan
	Central Australia Aboriginal Congress Inc	Male Cultural Broker Training	Develop skills in brokering relationships between Elders and government and non-government agencies. Specific training in community development principles and governance training.	Alice Springs
	Malabam Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	Maningrida Youth Centre - recruitment and activities	A family violence program covering substance misuse, conflict resolution, sex education and youth suicide prevention issues and encouraging positive self esteem. Project includes recreational trips, art and craft activities and sporting events for up to 30 youths per session. A Women's Night Patrol aims to reduce the number of youths roaming the streets and sniffing. The project is underpinned by a Shared Responsibility Agreement.	Maningrida
	Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter Inc. (DAIWS)	Purchase of bus for client use	Purchase of a 14 seater bust to transport current DAIWS women and children who have accessed crisis accommodation through domestic violence and homelessness to relevant services, program activities and excursions.	Darwin
	Department of the Chief Minister	Raypirrir Rom	Provide a culturally appropriate approach to reducing the incidence of Indigenous family violence in two Gove Peninsula communities. Implemented a range of interventions including night work in identified 'hot spots', day work following up on interventions with individuals and families, referrals to other agencies and receiving referrals fro agencies (eg, FACS, night patrol) and community education.	Wadeye, Yirrkala, Gunyangara, Galaru & Galupa

NT - 11	Department of Education and Training	Respectful Relationships	Works with young people (particularly young men) to raise their awareness of ethical behaviour, develop protective behaviours and skill in conducting respectful relationships. There is a strong focus on project sustainability through peer training and the skilling up of local community organisation staff.	Various locations in the NT
	Department of the Chief Minister	Safe Families	Provides early intervention, crisis responses and recovery opportunities for children affected by family violence. The project enables access to family workers, two Family Houses (transitional houses) and accommodation for young people (Kids House).	Alice Springs
	Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation	Tennant Creek Young Indigenous Mens Program	Employment of a male Family Violence Prevention Officer to assist in the implementation of the Yapakurlangu Family and Community Violence Report recommendations and enable continued development of the Tennant Creek Young Indigenous Men's Project which provides family violence education, counselling assistance and support.	Tennant Creek
	Department of Justice	Tri Border Justice Project	Development of communication materials and community engagement to support the implementation of the Cross Border Justice Project (CBJP) which seeks to enable WA, SA and NT police, corrections and courts to operate in the cross border region regardless of the jurisdiction that employs them.	NPY Lands (Central Australia)
	Central Desert Shire Council	Willowra Mediation	Localised, intensive program targeted at family violence in Willowra. Delivers a number of workshops in anger management, problem solving, mediation, family counselling, teenage issues and child protection and includes the development of individual and clan dispute resolution management plans.	Willowra

QLD - 12	Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd	Family Safety Workshops Facilitation	Facilitation of a number of Family Safety Workshops aimed at preventing and reducing the occurrence of domestic violence.	Emerald, Blackwater and surrounding towns
	Kummara Association Incorporated	Family Violence - Purchase of a Vehicle	Purchase of a vehicle to improve Kummara's capacity to deliver family violence related services to children and families.	Brisbane, Ipswich
	AFL Cape York Limited	Kids Living Safer Lives - Community Based Project Officers	Aims to prevent and reduce family violence and child abuse in Cape York Indigenous communities with measures that address juvenile crime and anti-social behaviours, combat violence and unreported crime and provide positive role models.	Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale , Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mossman Gorge and Pormpuraaw.
	Koobara Aboriginal and Islander Family Resource Centre Inc.	Purchase of Buses and on costs and Capital items	The buses will support the Indigenous Children's Program (which provides support to children and families around family violence, parenting and other issues) to service the community and isolated families.	Northern suburbs of Brisbane
	Kalwun Development Corporation Limited	Purchase of capital and workshops	Bus to transport families affected by family violence to groups, workshops, counselling and playgroup. Counselling, support, referral and information to victims and perpetrators of family violence.	Gold Coast
	Pompur Paanth Aboriginal Corporation	Rowoarr Family Program	Program targeting Rowoarr Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre participants aimed at working with all family members.	Pormpuraaw, Rowoarr
	Pompur Paanth Aboriginal Corporation	Rowoarr Rehabilitation Facility	Construction of undercover facility at the Rowoarr Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre for use for a range of Rehabilitation program activities centred on counselling, life-skills, child and adult educational programs and career development.	Rowoarr

QLD - 12	Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	Sports Recreation and Arts Precinct - FVPP contribution	Contribution to the redevelopment of the Doomadgee Sport Recreation and Arts Precinct which will provide a usable space for training, health, cultural, justice and youth programs.	Doomadgee
	Helem Yumba	Therapeutic Support Service 2008-09	Provision of direct therapeutic and supplementary / pastoral supports to victims of domestic and family violence.	Rockhampton, Mt Morgan, Woorabinda
	Murri ^& Torres Strait Islander Network Inc	Women's Workshops	Workshops with women and children to develop family violence resource kits as an educative tool.	Logan district
	Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland Limited	Yarnin Up - St George	Development of two new culturally appropriate preventative and secondary interventions (group work and family and community therapy) for reducing family and community violence in St George.	St George
	Kurbingul Youth Development Association Inc	Yeaca Dhargo Family Violence Support	Development of practical, capacity building activities to engage participants and support individuals and families seeking assistance with violence issues.	North Brisbane

SA - 10	Office for Women	Anti-Violence Awareness Campaign	Campaign targeting information particularly to young men (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men) about respectful relationships and the importance of communities in preventing violence. The project aims include informing, educating and ultimately reducing sexual assault and domestic and family violence in SA.	South Australia
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Ceduna Family Violence Strategy	Establishment and operation of a Safe House and associated support programs for women and children escaping family violence. Multi-strategy approach to fill gaps in existing responses and enable a coordinated longer term preventative approach to reduce family violence.	Ceduna and surrounding areas.
	Department for Families & Communities	Cooper Pedy SAAP Services	Family violence services in the Cooper Pedy region linked to the Cooper Pedy Safe Place initiative established under the FVPP in 2007-08.	Cooper Pedy region
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Programmes for the NPY	Reduces the incidence of physical and psychological harm in Aboriginal communities of Central Australia using culturally and linguistically appropriate programs to address issues of family violence, anger management, and substance misuse. The project is targeted to perpetrators of family violence.	Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara and Ngaanyatjarra (NPY) Amata & Mimil
	Uniting Care Wesley Port Pirie Inc	Davenport Safe Place for Women	Provision of a Safe Place for women of the Davenport community.	Davenport.
	Save The Children - South Australia	Gidja-Mooga Outdoor Education	Outdoor education and culturally appropriate experiences that aim to reduce family violence by involving families in the solution. The program builds capacity of the broader Ceduna Aboriginal community to continue the programs in the long term.	Ceduna and regional centres
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet - SA TAFE	Rekindling Indigenous Family Relationships in the Riverland of SA (Riverland, SA)	Aims to increase the capacity of Aboriginal people and communities to respond to, reduce and prevent family violence and child abuse by providing the opportunity for family and community healing.	Riverland - Gerard, Renmark, Berri, Barmera, Loxton and Waikerie.

	Kalparrin Community Inc	Spirited Men Capital	Capital funding to purchase two purpose built camping trailers to extend the existing Spirited Men's Project by enabling the project to undertake activities (aimed at reducing the incidence of family violence in the region) at sites with cultural significance for participants.	Murray Bridge
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Sturt Street Supported Tenancy Accommodation (Adelaide)	Intensive intervention and accommodation assistance to Indigenous women with children caught in a cycle of violence and homelessness. Client families stay for up to six months in the Sturt Street complex before being transferred into public housing where ongoing support is provided.	Adelaide - draws clients from across SA
	Ceduna Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation	Women's Cultural Camps	Two 2-day women's cultural camps with education around women's rights, victims compensation claims, family matters and women's well-being activities.	Ceduna

TAS - 1	Office of Aboriginal Affairs	Healing Workshops	Series of Healing Workshops for men, women and young people to assist in addressing issues arising from exposure to family violence. Aims to increase awareness and understanding of ways to improve family safety and empower participants to proactively seek healing and wellbeing.	3 locations across Tasmania
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VIC - 5	Department of Human Services	Holistic Family and Healing Centre	Construction of two Holistic Healing Centres in rural Victoria.	Lakes Entrance (East Gippsland) and Rochester (with outreach in Southern Loddon Mallee)
	Department of Human Services	Authentic Community Training	Delivery of two workshop style programs: 'Empowering Indigenous Men' and 'Becoming 2 Deadly' to actively engage men in pursuing change in their lives.	Melbourne, Darebin
	Centre Against Sexual Assault - Loddon Campaspe Region	Bidja's Place - Southern Loddon Mallee	Support for Elders in mentoring new people to lead activities in their own communities. The emphasis is on training and facilitation skills in the development of responses to sexual assault within Indigenous communities.	Bendigo, Maryborough
	Department of Human Services	Healing and Men's Time Out Services	Capital funding for a Men's Time Out Service in Shepparton and a Healing and Time Out service in northern metropolitan Melbourne.	Shepparton, northern metropolitan Melbourne
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (Victoria)	Sister's Day Out Workshops	Development of two Sister's Day out Workshops designed to support Indigenous women (especially 15-35 years) to handle incidents of family violence through being aware of their rights, points of contact for assistance and ongoing support.	Ballarat, Bendigo

WA - 4	Department for Child Protection	East Kimberley Family Violence Hub	The aim of the project is for Aboriginal families living in East Kimberley communities to experience a level of safety from family violence commensurate with other families Western Australia. This is achieved by improving the accountability for those who use violence in families and by promoting an understanding on the part of communities themselves that family and domestic violence is not acceptable.	East Kimberly - Kalumburu, Oombulgurri, Warmun, Wyndham and Kununurra
	Department of Indigenous Affairs	Kullarri Indigenous Women's Aboriginal Corporation - DV Child Abuse	Development of local solutions to issues that contribute to violence such as alcohol and drug use and address family violence causal factors, particularly socio-economic and participatory issues.	Bidyandanga, Broome, Beagle Bay , Djarindjin, One Arm Point, Lombadina
	Health Department of Western Australia	WA Indigenous Family Healing Project	Utilises a flexible conceptualisation of healing which has allowed it to implement responsive programs for healing and wellbeing in communities. It has clear objectives about healing and reducing harm through increased sense of group cohesion; increased value and worth; identification and agreement on collective actions that will heal the effects of past suffering and harm; increased sense of safety within family and community and the reduction in the incidence and experience of violence.	Kalgoorlie, Mandurah, Geraldton, South Hedland & Bunbury.
	Anglicare WA	West Kimberley Family Violence Education Program	Develop a locally appropriate family violence education program (including culturally relevant resources) and build the capacity of community based practitioners to deliver the programs.	Kullarri, West Kimberly region

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Question No: 023

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

At last estimates, the Department had completed all of its negotiations with the Communities for Children providers and would formally let them know by the end of June the amount of funding committed to each provider.

What is the budgeted funding now approved for each provider?

Answer:

The following table shows the funding approved for the continuation of Communities for Children from 1 July 2009, as announced by Minister Macklin on 23 June 2009, and advised to providers at that time.

Provider	Number of Sites Funded	Funding 2009-2012 \$
Anglican Community Care Inc	1	1,950,000
Anglicare SA Inc	1	2,400,000
Anglicare Tasmania Inc.	1	2,400,000
Anglicare Victoria	1	2,400,000
Australian Red Cross Society - NT Division	1	2,475,000
Barnardos Australia	1	2,400,000
BoysTown	1	1,650,000
Centacare Tasmania	1	1,500,000
Centacare Townsville*	1	750,000
Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes	1	2,625,000
Communicare Inc	1	2,625,000
Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd*	1	200,000
Great Southern GP Network Limited	1	2,775,000
Kilmany Uniting Care	1	2,475,000

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Provider	Number of Sites Funded	Funding 2009-2012 \$
Lifeline Community Care	1	2,250,000
Mission Australia	6	13,725,000
Pilbara Community Council	1	2,835,000
St Luke's Anglicare	2	2,050,000
Save the Children Australia	1	2,224,500
Synod of the Diocese of the Northern Territory Incorporated (Anglicare NT)	1	2,097,000
The Benevolent Society	2	4,200,000
The Salvation Army (Qld) Property Trust	1	2,400,000
The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	1	2,400,000
The Salvation Army (Tasmania) Property Trust*	1	825,000
The Smith Family	7	15,999,000
Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Victoria)	1	2,625,000
UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide Inc	1	2,700,000
UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie Inc.	1	1,950,000
Windermere Child and Family Services Inc	1	2,475,000
YWCA NSW	2	3,900,000

** Organisations with Funding Agreements for 2009-10 only with future funding levels subject to April 2010 Performance Reviews.*

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Question No: 029

- **Topic:** Family Relationship Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

- The services had 198,563 clients to date during 2008-09 at last estimates hearings.
- Can the Department provide the number of clients during the entire year of 2008-09 and the estimated number of clients during 2009-10?
- How does the number of clients indicate the success of the services?

Answer:

The total number of clients seen for the Family Relationship Services Program in 2008-09 was 214,232 (figure includes both Attorney-General's Department and FaHCSIA funded services).

The estimated number of clients to be seen for 2009-10 is approximately 214,000, consistent with 2008-09.

The number of clients seen does not measure the success of the services but measures demand for services. Success of services is measured through client satisfaction and attainment of new skills.

We are also working with the sector to develop and implement a more robust outcomes based framework that will better measure outcomes within and beyond an intervention period.

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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 007

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Service

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The IPSS was one of the Government's election commitments, however in the 2008-09 annual report, the KPI for this program says that the service was not delivered as planned for 2008-09 but these services have been announced in 2009-10. How and why was the service not delivered as planned.

Answer:

In 2007-08 four IPSS services were scheduled to be implemented, instead eight services were delivered. In 2008-09, the eight services continued to be delivered whilst extensive consultation was undertaken in relation to further sites.

An additional 26 sites were agreed in 2009. Providers have been selected for 5 of these sites and funding agreements are being negotiated. Selection processes for the other 21 sites are currently underway. Once these have been completed the total number of services will be 34, four ahead of the scheduled implementation.

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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 008

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Service

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How much money was committed to the program in 2008-09? Has this money already been paid to the service providers?

How much money is committed to going to the service providers in 2009-10?

Answer:

In 2008-09 \$3.59 million was allocated and \$1.5 million paid to service providers.

In 2009-10 \$4.109 million is allocated.

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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 009

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Service

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The KPI (page 166) in the Department's 2008-09 Annual Report says that the number of Indigenous communities directly assisted per year was estimated to be 75 and the actual number was 61. The reason given for this was that the IPSS was not in place as planned. How many communities were meant to be assisted by the IPSS under this KPI in 2008-09? How many were assisted?

Answer:

The Parenting Program referred to on page 166 of the Annual Report includes a number of programs, one of which is the Indigenous Parenting Support (IPSS) Program.

In 2007-08, eight IPSS services were implemented in eight communities. These communities have continued to receive services whilst extensive consultation was undertaken in relation to further sites.

An additional 26 sites have been agreed and providers have been selected for 5 of these sites and funding agreements are being negotiated. Selection processes for the other 21 sites are currently underway. Once these have been completed the total number of communities assisted will be 34, four ahead of the scheduled implementation.

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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 010

- **Topic:** Indigenous Parenting Support Service

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

What is the estimate for the number of Indigenous communities that will be directly assisted for 2009-10 under the IPSS?

Answer:

It is expected that thirty-four Indigenous Parenting Support Services sites will be operational by June 2010.

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T7 Social Housing Initiative Expenditure to Date

Expenditure 2008-09 - Repairs and Maintenance

	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	TOTAL
NSW	\$16,300,000	\$16,300,000	\$16,300,000	\$16,301,000	\$65,201,000
QLD	\$10,012,000	\$10,012,000	\$10,012,000	\$10,012,000	\$40,048,000
WA	\$5,061,000	\$5,061,000	\$5,061,000	\$5,061,000	\$20,244,000
VIC	\$12,400,000	\$12,400,000	\$12,400,000	\$12,376,000	\$49,576,000
NT	\$515,000	\$515,000	\$515,000	\$513,000	\$2,058,000
SA	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,700,000	\$3,690,000	\$14,990,000
TAS	\$1,170,000	\$1,170,000	\$1,161,000	\$1,161,000	\$4,662,000
ACT	\$806,000	\$805,000	\$805,000	\$805,000	\$3,221,000
TOTAL	\$50,064,000	\$50,063,000	\$49,954,000	\$49,919,000	\$200,000,000

Expenditure 2009-10 - Repairs and Maintenance

	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	TOTAL
NSW	\$5,440,000	\$5,440,000	\$5,440,000	\$5,440,000	\$21,760,000
QLD	\$0	\$6,674,668	\$3,337,334	\$0	\$10,012,002
WA	\$1,690,000	\$1,690,000	\$1,690,000	\$0	\$5,070,000
VIC	\$4,132,000	\$4,132,000	\$4,132,000	\$4,132,000	\$16,528,000
NT	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0	\$510,000
SA	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$5,000,000
TAS	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$1,560,000
ACT	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$1,080,000
TOTAL	\$13,342,000	\$20,016,668	\$16,679,334	\$11,482,000	\$61,520,002

Expenditure 2008-09 - Stage One

	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	TOTAL
NSW		\$6,520,000	\$6,520,000	\$6,520,000	\$19,560,000
QLD		\$4,005,000	\$4,005,000	\$4,004,000	\$12,014,000
WA		\$2,025,000	\$2,024,000	\$2,024,000	\$6,073,000
VIC		\$4,958,000	\$4,958,000	\$4,957,000	\$14,873,000
NT		\$217,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$617,000
SA		\$1,499,000	\$0	\$2,998,000	\$4,497,000
TAS		\$467,000	\$466,000	\$466,000	\$1,399,000
ACT		\$323,000	\$322,000	\$322,000	\$967,000
TOTAL		\$20,014,000	\$18,295,000	\$21,691,000	\$60,000,000

Expenditure 2009-10 - Stage One

	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	TOTAL
NSW	\$17,168,000	\$17,170,000	\$17,170,000	\$17,170,000	\$68,678,000
QLD	\$40,546,000	\$20,546,000	\$5,546,000	\$0	\$66,638,000
WA	\$7,331,000	\$7,331,000	\$7,331,000	\$0	\$21,993,000

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VIC	\$13,055,000	\$13,055,000	\$13,055,000	\$13,055,000	\$52,220,000
NT	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$3,300,000
SA	\$3,948,000	\$3,948,000	\$3,948,000	\$3,948,000	\$15,792,000
TAS	\$1,228,000	\$1,228,000	\$1,228,000	\$1,228,000	\$4,912,000
ACT	\$2,080,000	\$2,960,000	\$2,354,000	\$0	\$7,394,000
TOTAL	\$86,456,000	\$67,338,000	\$51,732,000	\$35,401,000	\$240,927,000

Expenditure 2009-10 - Stage Two

	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	TOTAL
NSW	\$28,679,545	\$200,812,455	\$200,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$484,492,000
QLD	\$13,240,738	\$13,240,738	\$13,240,738	\$0	\$39,722,214
WA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VIC	\$12,113,641	\$12,113,641	\$12,113,641	\$60,000,000	\$96,340,923
NT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000,000	\$85,000,000
TAS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
ACT	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
TOTAL	\$54,033,924	\$226,166,834	\$226,354,379	\$208,000,000	\$714,555,137

2008-09 YTD			
R&M	Stage One	Stage Two	TOTAL
\$200,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$0	\$260,000,000

2009-10 YTD			
R&M	Stage One	Stage Two	TOTAL
\$61,520,002	\$240,928,000	\$714,555,136	\$1,017,003,138

2008-09 YTD			
R&M	Stage One	Stage Two	TOTAL
\$261,520,002	\$300,927,000	\$714,555,137	\$1,277,002,139

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Question No: 036

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In June the Committee was told that implementation plans had not been provided by 3 or 4 (ACT, NSW, NT and TAS) of the States/Territories. Can the Department now provide confirmation to the Committee that all of them have been submitted?

Answer:

All Implementation Plans for the Homelessness National Partnership Agreement have been agreed. They can be viewed on the Federal Financial Relations website:

<http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/>.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 037

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Last time I questioned whether any of the States or Territories anticipated any difficulty in finding matching funding. Is there any new information here?

Answer:

All States and Territories Implementation Plans for the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Homelessness has been submitted and agreed. Each jurisdiction has met their matched funding requirement. The delays in completing the plans were due to delays in jurisdictions finalising funding details with their Treasuries and obtaining Cabinet approval.

NSW was the only jurisdiction to submit an Implementation Plan which covers only the first year (2009-10) of the NPA. NSW will submit, towards the end of 2009-10 a further Implementation Plan to address the remaining three years, including their matched funding, under the NPA.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 038

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Is the funding provided under the NPA still consistent with the amounts contained within the published document (some \$400 million over 4 years)? The Budget Paper No 3 (page 78) has a total of \$536.2 million between 2008-09 and 2012-13. What is the reason for the variation of \$136.2 million? The contributions by the State/Territory Governments add up to a further \$550 million. Do these figures include the funding provided under the White Paper: *The Road Home*?

Answer:

The total Commonwealth funding contribution under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness is **\$550 million**.

This is comprised as follows:

NPA on Homelessness	\$400 million
A Place to Call Home	\$150 million
Total	\$550 million

The figure of \$536.2 million quoted in Budget Paper 3 (page 78) does not include funding of \$11.4 million, for the National Homelessness Research Agenda, a Commonwealth Own Purpose Expense (COPE). (Table 2.86, page 82, Budget Paper No. 3).

It also excludes \$2.4 million paid to Victoria by the Department of Families, Housing Community and Indigenous Affairs in December 2008 when Victoria signed a Bilateral Agreement with the Commonwealth for A Place to Call Home. This payment is recorded in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2009-10, Paper 1.7, page 64.

There is no separate funding allocated to the White Paper: *The Road Home*.

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Question No: 039

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

The Final Budget Outcome for 2008-09 was recently published. Page 77 has a table with the payments that were made for specific purposes to support housing services during that year. The amounts listed under the National Partnership Payments for Homelessness amounts are provided for each of the state and territory governments with the exception of the 3 that did not have Implementation Plans in place (NSW, NT and ACT). Have these jurisdictions been penalised for not having plans in place or will their funding be topped up in the current financial year?

Answer:

The Implementation Plans for NSW and the ACT were agreed in mid July. The Implementation Plan for the NT was agreed in late August. Implementation of the *A Place to Call Home* initiative began in the 2008-09 year and the 2008-09 funds for *A Place to Call Home* and outstanding 2009 National Partnership Agreement (NPA) payments were made once the Implementation Plans had been agreed.

All jurisdictions have now received their 2008-09 funding for *A Place to Call Home* and payments for the NPA up to November. They are all now receiving regular payments on the 7th of each month, as specified in Schedule D of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 040

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

How much funding has been provided to the State and Territory Governments under the Homelessness NP? As the NP commenced on 1 July 2009, how are payments made to the States, i.e. monthly basis or annual payments?

Answer:

The payments to the States and Territories are based on numbers of homeless people and made on a monthly basis. The total amount paid for the July – November period to the States and Territories under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness are:

NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	TOTAL
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
16.327	7.825	15.890	7.766	3.010	2.195	3.178	1.805	57.996

The *A Place to Call Home* initiative began in the 2008-09 year with payments to Victoria and South Australia made in 2008-0 under *A Place to Call Home* Bilateral Agreements with the Commonwealth.

The 2008-09 payments to Victoria were:

- \$2,426,500 made by FaHCSIA December 2008
- \$1,213,250 made by Treasury January 2009
- \$1,213,250 made by Treasury April 2009
- \$4,853,000 total

The 2008-09 payments to South Australia were:

- \$605,667 made by Treasury February 2009
- \$757,083 made by Treasury March 2009
- \$454,250 made by Treasury April 2009
- \$1,817,000 total

Other states and territories continued to roll out the *A Place to Call Home* in 2008-09 on the understanding that the initiative would be rolled into the National Partnership, with their 2008-09 funds to be paid in the 2009-10 year.

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Question No: 041

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What reporting process are the States and Territories obliged to follow in relation to accounting for this funding?

Answer:

The financial reporting arrangement for the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness is outlined in Schedule D of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on Federal Financial Relations.

Item D.33 of the Schedule states that each State and Territory Treasurer will provide a report to the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations within six months of the end of every financial year, reporting total expenditure under the relevant National Partnership agreement, stating both expenditure of Commonwealth project and facilitation funding and State and Territory co-contributions.

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Question No: 042

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In response to a question on notice (No 302) at the Additional Estimates in February 2009, the Committee was told that a detailed implementation plan for the 50 actions required by the White Paper had been agreed with the Minister. Is a copy of this implementation plan available to the Committee?

The answer stated that efforts have begun on all aspects of the plan and some key priority actions have been agreed for the first six months. Which actions fall into that category?

Answer:

The “implementation plan” referred to in QoN 302 is a list of actions identified in the White Paper together with the Department’s advice to the Minister on progress against them. As the document includes advice to the Minister, it is not available for public release.

Priority tasks undertaken in the first six months include:

- Finalisation of Implementation Plans under the National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing
- Finalisation of State and Territory Implementation Plans under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness
- Establishment of the Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness
- Implementation of Centrelink White Paper initiatives.

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Question No: 044

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

- (1) It is understood that this is a \$400 million program to be delivered over 2 years, is this correct?
- (2) Primarily for the provision of capital funding, is this correct?
- (3) What types of projects are intended to be funded under the National Partnership Agreement?

Answer:

- (1) Yes. The National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing is providing \$400 million over two years (\$200 million in 2008-09 and \$200 million in 2009-10) to increase the supply of social housing by at least 1,600 dwellings and to stimulate the building and construction industry.
- (2) Yes. Proposals for funding under the National Partnership on Social Housing must meet the following key requirements:
 - (a) involve the construction of new social housing dwellings;
 - (b) add to the supply of social housing dwellings within a jurisdiction;
 - (c) all projects funded through this Agreement must be completed and ready for occupation within two years of funding being allocated; and
 - (d) provide an appropriate response to an area of unmet need for social housing within the jurisdiction.
- (3) Projects funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing vary and provide a range of housing responses according to areas of high demand and unmet need in each jurisdiction. In addition to a range of conventional residential developments that will add to the supply of social housing, some jurisdictions have presented housing projects such as a seniors village, transitional accommodation for the homeless and accommodation suitable for frail aged and people with disability.

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Question No: 045

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

It appears that although this is a separate and stand-alone National Partnership Agreement, many of the states and territories have combined their implementation plans for this NPA with those under the Nation Building and Jobs Plan, is this true?

Answer:

Yes. The National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing shares implementation plans with the Social Housing Initiative component of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. The Social Housing Implementation Plans detail the financial arrangements, processes for submitting and approving proposals for funding and reporting requirements agreed between the Commonwealth and each jurisdiction. The Implementation Plans are publicly available on the Federal Financial Reform website and on the FaHCSIA Social Housing Initiative web page.

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Question No: 046

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

So far, how much funding has been allocated to each jurisdiction under this National Partnership Agreement?

Answer:

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING – APPROVED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – AS AT 26 OCTOBER 2009

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUST
2008-09	65.201m	49.576m	40.048m	20.244m	14.990m	4.662m	3.221m	2.058m	200.000m
2009-10	65.201m	37.226m	40.048m	20.244m	14.990m	4.662m	3.221m	2.058m	187.650m
TOTAL	130.402	86.802m	80.096m	40.488m	29.980m	9.324m	6.442m	4.116m	387.650m

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Question No: 047

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

To date, what have been the outcomes delivered under this National Partnership Agreement? Can the Department inform the Committee on the types of projects that are being funded under this program? (i.e: long term accommodation for the homeless, half way houses, group homes etc).

Answer:

The quarterly reports from jurisdictions covering the period to 30 September 2009 show that 385 dwellings have now been completed or settled – 207 in NSW, 121 in Victoria, 41 in Western Australia and 16 in Tasmania. Of these, 284 dwellings were occupied – 132 in NSW, 95 in Victoria, 41 in Western Australia and 16 in Tasmania.

Projects funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing vary and provide a range of housing responses according to areas of high demand and unmet need in each jurisdiction. In addition to a range of conventional residential developments that will add to the supply of social housing, some jurisdictions have presented housing projects such as a seniors village, transitional accommodation for the homeless and accommodation suitable for frail aged and people with disability.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 048

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

On what basis has funding been allocated between the States and Territories? Will it be allocated on a proportional basis of the total population or the homeless population?

Answer:

Funding is allocated to the States and Territories on a per capita basis using the estimated resident population for each State and Territory, as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Funding provision is subject to projects satisfying the criteria provided in the National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing and on the provision of satisfactory progress reports.

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Question No: 049

- **Topic:** National Housing Supply Council

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

1 The First Annual State of Supply Report outlined two research objectives including a number of projects. Can the Department inform the Committee on what progress has been made with respect to each of these projects?

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- (a) Macro-economic model of the housing market,
- (b) Ongoing collection of data and implementation plans from States and Territories (*in relation to the dwelling supply pipeline*),
- (c) Ongoing collection of demographic information to support demand projections,
- (d) Refinement of ongoing indicator measures and definition of associated data collection requirements.
- (e) Analysis and refinement of housing lot supply data provided by States and Territories,
- (f) Development, calibration, testing and application of macro-economic model of the housing market,
- (g) Development of a housing cost model built on data pertaining to all inputs to the final cost of housing for consumers,
- (h) Analysis of housing submarkets to provide a more detailed assessment of the current situation and likely trends in supply, demand and affordability for particular dwelling types and housing types,
- (i) Characteristics of an efficient housing market and assessment of Australian housing markets against these characteristics,
- (j) Detailed assessment of housing market 'hotspots',
- (k) Lag between growth in demand and increase in construction activity,
- (l) Analysis of the vacant dwelling stock, and
- (m) Environmental sustainability requirements (costs and benefits)

Answer:

- a) Research to date on macro economic models for housing has identified existing housing models in Australia would need to be adapted to model changing economic circumstances in the housing market and to provide better insight into the interactions between supply and demand issues. Current work is focussed on determining parameters, type of model and necessary data requirements that would provide the best results, given the wide range of possible models.
- b) The collection of data and implementation plans from States and Territories continues to provide input on the dwelling supply pipeline for the second report.

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- c) Updated household projections by capital city and balance of state for living arrangements, dwelling, and household types from 2008 to 2029 are being finalised for inclusion in the second report.
- d) The indicator measures for the second report include both updated and new sources of data to assess housing affordability. The refinement of indicators is expected to continue with each successive report.
- e) States and Territories are continuing to provide housing lot supply data for use in the second report.
- f) Please refer (a).
- g) Data on housing costs from a variety of sources are being considered to better understand the costs of housing inputs.
- h) Work on housing sub markets is progressing, with specific work on the ageing population, first home buyers and medium and high density redevelopment in metropolitan areas underway.
- i) Work is continuing on determining the indicators of an efficient housing market and is still likely to be in development when the second report is released.
- j) The Council decided not to pursue this area of research due to the changing nature of housing issues by location over time.
- k) The research being conducted on the lag between growth in demand and increase in construction activity is fundamentally related to sub question (a).
- l) The analysis of the vacant dwelling stock is complete.
- m) No formal work into the impacts of environmental sustainability has been commissioned at this point.

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Question No: 051

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

What is the geographical split in terms of for profit and non-for profit NRAS providers?

Answer:

Round One Approved Applications by Organisation Type (as at October 2009)

State	Endorsed Charities (% of state total)	For Profit/Not for Profit (% of state total)
ACT	100	0
NSW	60	40
QLD	50	50
SA	100	0
TAS	25	75
VIC	75	25
WA	50	50
% of total allocations	62.5	37.5

Round Two Approved Offers by Organisation Type (As at October 2009)

State	Endorsed Charities (% of state total)	For Profit /Not For Profit (% of state total)
ACT	100	0
NSW	71	29
QLD	77	23
SA	88	12
TAS	32	68
VIC	88	12
WA	58	42
% of total allocations	78	22

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Question No: 053

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you detail the ability of Housing Cooperatives to access NRAS funding. Have any cooperatives applied for funding, or even approached the Department about the scheme? What are the barriers for cooperatives, and would the Department consider taking a stronger partnership approach with housing cooperatives?

Answer:

Housing Cooperatives have the ability to access NRAS funding under the same conditions as other applicants.

Two Housing Cooperatives have successfully applied for NRAS funding.

The NRAS does not prevent participation by Housing Cooperatives. The Government is and will continue to work closely with all parties interested in participating in the scheme.

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Question No: 054

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Are there any specialist NRAS rounds envisaged in the future that are at the opposite end of the spectrum of large projects suiting institutional investors; for example a specialist round for projects in regional areas, such as in the Pilbara and Kimberley where the incentives and savings cancel each other out in the current housing market?

Answer:

Decisions have not been made about the requirements of future NRAS Rounds.

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Question No: 055

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

What is the Department currently doing to make it attractive and viable for NRAS to work in regional and rural areas?

Answer:

Regional and rural areas have benefited from NRAS under Rounds One and Two. As at October 2009, a total of 10,540 National Rental Incentives were either accepted or are under offer. Of these, more than 30 per cent are for dwellings located in provincial and rural areas.

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Question No: 056

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Are you aware of any NRAS properties being 'bought off the plan' by state governments, as opposed to the construction of genuine additional stock of affordable housing?

Answer:

State and Territory governments are not eligible to apply for National Rental Incentives under the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

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Question No: 057

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme and overseas models

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Is the Department looking internationally to other models of affordable housing and affordable rental in particular?

Answer:

NRAS was designed having regard to models of affordable rental housing in other countries, in particular the use of low income tax offsets in the United States.

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Question No: 059

- **Topic: NRAS**

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you confirm that in WA there is strong participation by the Community Housing Sector (NFPs) as tenancy managers but not as actual developers of the properties themselves?

Is this a concern given that in other states there is much stronger community housing participation with the sector developing properties themselves and under many models?

Answer:

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- Western Australia participation by the community housing sector in NRAS has largely been in the role of fee-for-service tenancy manager.
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Question No: 060

- **Topic:** Implementation Plans

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

The COAG communiqué for Affordable Housing stated that Implementation Plans will be finalised by 1 April 2009. Why did it take until September 2009 for the Plans to be made public?

Answer:

The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness is the only Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement requiring matched funding contributions from the States and Territories. The delays in completing the plans and making them public were due to delays in jurisdictions finalising matched funding details with their Treasuries and obtaining Cabinet approval; in many cases this was via their annual budget process.

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Question No: 061

- **Topic:** Implementation Plans

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Have there been any unexpected delays in the rollout of stimulus funding for housing?

If so, to what extent have these been due to the funding decisions being delayed in order to link them with funding decisions related to the NRAS program?

Answer:

No. The full allocation of funding (\$5.638 billion) available through the Social Housing Initiative has been approved.

Payments to States and Territories for the Repairs and Maintenance Element of the program commenced in March 2009; Stage 1 New Construction payments commenced in April 2009; and Stage 2 New Construction payments commenced in July 2009.

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Question No: 062

- **Topic:** Social Housing Funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Are we on track nationally to meet the target of 75% of social housing dwellings being constructed by December 2010?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question No: 063

- **Topic:** Social Housing Funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Is there any intention to set a minimum requirement of social housing construction in inner city areas?

Answer:

Under the Social Housing Initiative Guidelines, States and Territories are responsible for running selection processes to identify suitable social housing proposals for funding and for determining whether the location of the proposals meet the housing needs of the jurisdiction. The Guidelines require new dwellings to be located within close proximity to public transport and essential services.

The number of dwellings to be constructed in urban, rural and remote areas will vary across jurisdictions based on the individual requirements of States and Territories.

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Question No: 064

- **Topic:** Social Housing Funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Is there any intention to set a schedule for housing to be constructed in regional areas hit hard by the boom?

Answer:

See response to Question 63.

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Question No: 065

- **Topic:** WA Regions and Boom Towns

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

What if any, social housing has been built, or is scheduled to be built with the (a) Commonwealth Social Housing Initiative under the Nation Building and Jobs Plan NP (\$6.4B nationally – \$646.6M went to WA) ;

(b) NAHA Social Housing NP money (\$400M nationally - \$40M to WA) in the following areas:

- Carnarvon
- Broome
- Karratha
- Port Headland
- South Headland
- Newman

Answer:

Refer to Question 104.

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Question No: 066

- **Topic:** WA Regions and Boom towns

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Does the Department have any data on the current undersupply of affordable housing in each of these areas, and can it table it?

Answer:

No. The Department does not estimate the undersupply of housing at regional levels. The supply of housing and demand for housing is affected by a range of different factors, such as net migration, family characteristics, and residential construction activity. The National Housing Supply Council has projected demand and supply by state and territory to 2028 drawing on Census data. These projections are not available at the regional level, beyond capital city and balance of state breakdowns.

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Question No: 067

- **Topic:** WA Regions and Boom Towns

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Are you engaging with other federal or state departments to address the housing crisis in our boom towns?

Answer:

Planning and housing supply is a key area for reform being progressed collaboratively by Housing Ministers under the National Affordable Housing Agreement.

The Commonwealth and the States and Territories are working together to:

- Establish a nationally consistent approach to defining targets for housing that will be affordable to low and moderate-income households. This will be informed by the work of the National Housing Supply Council and by relevant housing, land, local government and planning agencies; and
- Integrate the guiding principles of the national approach to affordable housing developed by Local Government and Planning Ministers and Housing Ministers in 2007 into the current work of Local Government and Planning Ministers directed by COAG to develop a set of supporting national planning system principles.

To better understand the issues relating to supply and housing affordability the Chair and members of the National Housing Supply Council met with government and industry stakeholders in Perth, Western Australia on 7-8 July 2009.

The East Kimberley Development Package National Partnership Agreement (NPA) specifically includes housing for Kununurra and Wyndham. The Australian Government is investing \$50 million to provide for Social and Transitional (or employee) Housing. This agreement between the Commonwealth and Western Australian Government will provide up to 100 additional dwellings across those two locations.

The Commonwealth Government and Western Australian Government are also in partnership to construct four employment related hostels that will accommodate up to 100 trainees across four locations - Halls Creek, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Broome.

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Question No: 068

- **Topic:** WA Regions and Boom Towns

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

How does the schedule of social housing dwellings for each of these areas match the urgency of the need?

Answer:

As indicated in the response to Question 66, the Department does not estimate the undersupply of housing at regional levels. The response to Question 104 details the level of social housing to be built in these areas under both the Social Housing Initiative and the National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing. The decision on the number of homes to be built in these locations has been made by the Western Australian Government.

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Question No: 069

- **Topic:** WA Regions and Boom Towns

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Has the 'high level emergency taskforce' that was called for back in April 2008 by the Senate Select Committee investigating housing affordability in the boom towns been established yet, who is on it, and has it released any recommendations?

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 070

- **Topic:** The Community Housing Sector

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

What is the progress on the development of a nationally consistent regulatory framework for regulation and accreditation, and standards of the community housing sector?

Answer:

The Housing and Homelessness Policy Research Working Group of the Housing Ministers' Conference has been working on this issue throughout 2009. Housing Ministers agreed in September to develop a public discussion paper on options for nationally consistent regulation and prudential supervision of not-for-profit housing providers. This will be developed in collaboration between the Commonwealth, States and Territories, community housing providers and stakeholders.

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Question No: 071

- **Topic:** The Community Housing Sector

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Does the Department or the Minister currently have a target for dwellings funded through the stimulus money ending up in the community sector?

Answer:

At the Housing Ministers Conference on 22 May 2009 Ministers agreed on a target of transferring up to 75 per cent of the housing stock funded under the Nation Building and Jobs Package to the community housing sector within the next five years.

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Question No: 072

- **Topic:** The Community Housing Sector

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

If there are plans to increase the size of the sector rapidly over the next five years, will additional funding be provided to the sector to help it with capacity building and other issues that could be expected?

Answer:

Some industry development funds have been provided to not-for-profit housing organisations which were successful in receiving NRAS incentives. The government has commissioned research into how to achieve a viable and sustainable community housing sector.

Through the Housing Ministers Conference, cross-jurisdictional working groups have been established which have been considering how to enhance the capacity and growth of the not-for-profit housing sector supported by a nationally consistent regulatory environment.

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Question No: 073

- **Topic:** The Community Housing Sector

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

The communiqué from the Housing Ministers' Conference of 25/09/09 mentions the development of a nationally consistent regulatory and prudential supervision of not-for-profit housing providers. Can you tell us about the process for developing the discussion paper that is mentioned, and how the community housing sector will be involved in the development of this paper?

What progress has been made on the development of integrated waiting lists?

Will they be in place by 2011?

Answer:

Housing Ministers agreed in September to develop a public discussion paper on options for nationally consistent regulation and prudential supervision of not-for-profit housing providers. This will be developed in collaboration between the Commonwealth, States and Territories, community housing providers and stakeholders.

At the Housing Ministers meeting on 25 September 2009, Ministers confirmed their commitment to having integrated waiting lists in place by 2011.

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Question No: 074

- **Topic:** COAG Reform Council Reporting

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Is the COAG reform council monitoring compliance with sustainability benchmarking for all social housing constructed under the NAHA? When will the first COAG Reform Council Report be out for the NAHA?

Answer:

The COAG Reform Council (CRC) is not monitoring compliance with sustainability benchmarking for all social housing constructed under the NAHA. The agreed performance indicators for the NAHA are:

- Proportion of low income households in rental stress;
- Proportion of homes sold or built that are affordable by low and moderate income households;
- Proportion of Australians who are homeless;
- Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness;
- Proportion of Australian households owning or purchasing a home;
- Proportion of Indigenous households owning or purchasing a home;
- Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions; and
- Proportion of Indigenous households living in households of an acceptable standard.

It was also agreed that performance indicators will be developed specifically regarding:

- Supply meeting underlying demand for housing; and
- Housing market efficiency.

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Question No: 075

- **Topic:** Homelessness

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

- Can the Department confirm that it is reviewing the methodology used by researchers who produce the Counting the Homeless reports?

What is the nature of concerns with the methodology used?

Answer:

The ABS, in conjunction with FaHCSIA and Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), is leading a review of the methodology used by Associate Professors Chris Chamberlain (Swinburne University) and David MacKenzie (RMIT University) to produce the publication *Counting the Homeless 2006*. The review will identify improvements in how homeless counts may be constructed in future.

At present *Counting the Homeless 2006* is the best published national count of homeless people. The researchers, Chamberlain and MacKenzie, use a range of sources and methods and have produced their count two to three years after each of the last three Censuses. While Chamberlain and MacKenzie modified their methodology in 2001 and in 2006, there has not been a review of the methodology since it was first used. There is wide-spread agreement that the numbers reported in *Counting the Homeless* are indicative and may well overestimate or underestimate the count of homeless people in Australia in general, and that of homeless youth in particular. The review is designed to explore issues of definitions, assumptions, data quality and calculation methodology.

The review is engaging with a wide range of interested stakeholders including the researchers and the sector in order to receive the best possible advice. The nature of concerns with the methodology is set out in a paper released by the ABS, *Issues in estimating the number of homeless in Australia: A paper to inform a review of Counting the Homeless methodology*, which is available on the National Homelessness Information Clearinghouse at http://www.homelessnessinfo.net.au/dmdocuments/counting_the_homeless_issues_paper.pdf. The Australian Bureau of Statistics would be pleased to receive responses to the issues raised in the paper.

The outcome of this review is expected to be a more accurate count of Australia's homeless people and households from the 2011 Census, as a result of improved collection procedures and better methodology for using Census and, if necessary, supplementary data to calculate the counts.

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Question No: 076

- **Topic:** White Paper

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can the Department provide an update on the outcomes of the taskforce that has been formed within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to monitor the roll-out of the homelessness White Paper?

Answer:

There is no taskforce within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet monitoring the roll-out of the homelessness White Paper. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, together with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, recently examined implementation of the Government's White Paper on Homelessness: *The Road Home* as part of their normal business. It found that implementation was on track.

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Question No: 083

- **Topic:** Housing for People with a Disability

Hansard Page: CA44

Senator Payne asked:

Can you tell me how many dwellings from Stage 1 will achieve each of those standards?

Answer:

States and Territories are not required to report on the universal design outcomes that they achieve under Stage 1 but can choose to do so. Based on the information that has been provided, 150 dwellings constructed under Stage 1 will meet the Australian Standard for Adaptable Housing - Class C.

For information on Stage 2, refer to Question 105.

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Question No: 087

- **Topic:** NRAS Incentives

Hansard Page: CA48

Senator Payne asked:

Can you provide the committee with further detail on those?

Answer:

NRAS tenant information as at the end of the 2008-09 NRAS year (30 April 2009):

- Of the 300 compliant dwellings:
 - 35 were vacant (most of these had been available for rent for a short time prior to the reporting period)
 - 74 had a resident who was a sole parent
 - 44 had a resident who had disclosed a disability
 - 5 had residents that identified as either Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander
 - 141 households had children

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Question No: 088

- **Topic:** Compliance Statements

Hansard Page: CA50

Senator Payne asked:

I think in June we were told there were 32 or so outstanding compliance statements at that time. Have they all been returned or are there still some outstanding? Could you also indicate to the committee what follow-up actions are pursued by the department to obtain them?

Answer:

20 of the 32 compliance statements were received by June 2009.

The participant with the remaining 12 outstanding compliance statements was contacted by the Department and they advised that the dwellings had not been delivered in the 2008-09 NRAS year and therefore no compliance statements would be completed for those dwellings in respect of that year, and no NRAS payment sought or made.

The next reporting period is May 2010.

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Question No: 089

- **Topic:** NRAS Submissions

Hansard Page: CA50

Senator Payne asked:

Can you tell us how many submissions to the NRAS Post Implementation Review (PIR) you have received so far?

Answer:

23 submissions to the NRAS Post Implementation Review were received.

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Question No: 091

- **Topic:** NRAS Incentives

Hansard Page: CA51

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you provide details of how many incentives have been allocated in the areas of Karratha, Port and South Hedland, Broome and Newman?

Answer:

24 incentives were approved in Broome in Round 1. No Incentives have been offered in Karratha, Port and South Hedland or Newman.

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Question No: 093

- **Topic: NRAS**

Hansard Page: CA53

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you provide as much detail as possible of the external expertise engaged to interface between the department and the large institutional investors?

Answer:

JP Kirkwood Pty Ltd has been engaged to:

- Assist the Department gain access to the key decision makers of large scale institutional investors, such as the trustees of superannuation funds, property trusts and managed investments schemes via asset allocators to the institutional investment sector for the purposes of providing in-house presentations directly to the decision makers in the target sectors using established networks
- Create dialogue with the key influencers and entry points to the institutional market and select residential property groups
- Organise initial meetings and briefings to residential property groups on the NRAS investment case
- Work with the Department on developing information for boardroom briefings and information products, including a primary marketing document
- Advise on additional communications products and/or activities that may be relevant to the sector.
- Follow up with meetings with the asset and investment consultants on the financial modelling tool.

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Question No: 095

- **Topic: HAF Criteria**

Hansard Page: CA60

Senator Ludlam asked:

Do you have any sustainability or locational criteria attached?

Answer:

One of the criteria used to assess applications in Round One of the Housing Affordability Fund was “Accessibility and Sustainability”. While the Housing Affordability Fund does not designate specific locations for funding, one of the Round One criteria was “High Demand for New Dwellings”.

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Question No: 096

- **Topic:** HAF Prices

Hansard Page: CA60

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you provide the price differential between the developments that were funded relative to the surrounding environment or surrounding suburbs?

Answer:

The price differential is not captured relative to the surrounding environment or suburb. An average saving per dwelling of \$18,075 is expected and will be independently valued.

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Question No: 097

- **Topic:** Rockbank Project

Hansard Page: CA62

Senator Ludlam asked:

With regard to the Rockbank project near Caroline Springs in Victoria, which is a \$4 billion, 7,500 home suburb being developed by Mirvac and Jayaland, did they apply for, or receive, funding under the Housing Affordability Fund?

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 102

- **Topic:** Breakdown of Applications

Hansard Page: CA67

Senator Ludlam asked:

Could you provide us with current information on whether the projects being funded are meeting the environmental, planning, and accessibility guidelines?

Answer:

Projects funded under Stage 1 were not required to meet specified environmental design requirements and jurisdictions are not required to provide data on such outcomes.

Based on information provided by States and Territories, the environmental design features expected to be achieved under Stage 2 are detailed in the table below. It is anticipated that 95 per cent of the dwellings constructed under Stage 2 will achieve a six star energy efficiency rating.

Jurisdiction	Number of Dwellings achieving specified Environmental Feature		
	Six Star Energy Efficiency Rating	Solar or Heat Pump Hot Water System	Water Tank
NSW	5,123	5,442	380
VIC	3,821	3,821	3,821
QLD	3,326 ¹	1,556	1,488
WA	1,516 ¹	188	0
SA	1,102	1,089	980
TAS	444 ¹	321	447
ACT	295	113	295
NT	139	186	8
Total	15,766	12,716	7,419

¹ Part of the funding allocation for this jurisdiction includes funds to increase the number of dwellings achieving a six star energy rating

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Question No: 103

- **Topic:** Social Housing Spending

Hansard Page: CA67

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you break down for us, by postcode, where social housing spending is going?

Answer:

Not at this time.

For a breakdown of Stage 2 dwellings provisionally approved by postcode, refer to Question 82.

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Question No: 104

- **Topic:** Social Housing Spending

Hansard Page: CA68

Senator Ludlam asked:

How is the social housing spending making its way into the markets of Port Headland, South Hedland, Karratha, Broome and Newman?

Answer:

The number of dwellings that have been provisionally approved for construction in these areas under the Social Housing Initiative (part of the Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan) and the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Social Housing is as follows:

Location	Social Housing Initiative	NPA on Social Housing
Carnarvon	0	0
Broome	0	1
Karratha	3	8
Port Hedland	0	0
South Hedland	2	5
Newman	3	0

In addition, funding has been provisionally approved under the Social Housing Initiative for other new construction projects in this region in the towns of Exmouth (4 dwellings), Koombana (12 dwellings) and Roebourne (38 dwellings).

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Question No: 105

- **Topic:** Social Housing Dwellings

Hansard Page: CA70

Senator Boyce asked:

Could you provide the number of dwellings that meet the universal design standard?

Answer:

Projects funded under Stage 1 are not required to meet specified universal design requirements and jurisdictions are not required to provide data on such outcomes.

Based on information provided by States and Territories, the following universal design outcomes are expected to be achieved under Stage 2:

Jurisdiction	Dwelling incorporates basic Universal Design Features
NSW	5,442
VIC	3,821
QLD	3,513 ¹
WA	1,755 ¹
SA	1,112
TAS	447
ACT	295
NT	186
Total	16,571

¹ Part of the funding allocation for this Jurisdiction includes funds to increase the number of dwellings achieving the basic Universal Design Features

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Question No: 106

- **Topic:** Reconnect

Hansard Page: CA73

Senator Scullion asked:

How many Reconnect centres are currently funded? Has the number changed in the last 18 months?

Answer:

There are currently 107 Reconnect service providers and following a selection process in WA, another service provider will commence in late November 2009.

The number of Reconnect services has changed in the last 18 months. Before 30 June 2009 there were 101 Reconnect and 14 Newly Arrived Youth Support Service (NAYSS) providers.

From 1 July 2009 FaHCSIA incorporated the NAYSS as a specialist Reconnect provider which highlighted service overlaps in some areas.

Following processes to rationalise the services overlaps there will be a total of 105 Reconnect services in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations in Australia from 1 January 2010. The service coverage from Reconnect services is essentially unchanged. The funding at a national level remains the same and will be indexed annually.

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Question No: 275

Topic: Housing Supply and Demand

- **Hansard Page:** CA59

Senator Payne asked:

What is the government is doing to address the supply and demand issues and are there are any other initiatives?

Answer:

The National Housing Supply Council was established in May 2008. The Council will improve the evidence base for housing policy development by providing research, forecasts and advice to government on issues such as the adequacy of housing and land supply to meet future housing needs. The Council released its first report in March 2009, and work is progressing on the 2010 report.

The National Affordable Housing Agreement framework including associated National Partnership Agreements on Homelessness, Social Housing and Indigenous housing, along with the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Social Housing Initiative, have seen unprecedented levels of funding invested in the Australian housing and homelessness assistance system which aim to boost social housing supply.

The Commonwealth has worked with the States and Territories to improve planning and land use. The National Affordable Housing Agreement commits the States and Territories to planning reform to increase efficiency in housing supply and to increasing the capacity to match new housing supply with underlying demand.

States agreed at COAG in July 2009 to increase the proportion of development applications assessed through code based assessment – speeding up the time it takes to bring new homes to market.

In late October 2009, the Prime Minister announced that the Commonwealth would be demanding action on planning, development approval and the provision of urban infrastructure.

In addition, the National Rental Affordability Scheme will help increase the supply of affordable rental dwellings by up to 50,000 by 2012. Rent for these properties will be charged at 20 per cent below the market rate for eligible low and moderate income tenants. The Australian Government is also investing \$512 million in the Housing Affordability Fund (the Fund) to improve the efficiency of the housing market and lower the cost of building new homes through Infrastructure projects and Development Assessment reform.

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Question No: 283

- **Topic:** Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

As rent assistance is pegged to the CPI and not median rent prices, how do median rental prices for each state and territory (metropolitan figure) compare with the rises in CPI?

Answer:

There is some variation in the median rent increases for three bedroom houses among the different capital cities. The variation between 1999 and 2009 is reflected in percentages in the table below.

Real increases to median weekly rents for 3 bedroom houses between 1999-2009								
	Syd	Melb	Bris	Adel	Per	Hob	Dar	Can
Median (Real) Weekly Rent 1999¹ (\$)	\$299	\$279	\$231	\$218	\$212	\$204	\$340	\$245
Median Weekly Rent ² 2009 (\$)	\$350	\$300	\$340	\$290	\$360	\$318	\$555	\$400
Percentage increase	17%	8%	47%	33%	70%	56%	63%	63%
CPI Change 1999-09 (%)	36%							
Percentage point difference between CPI and rents	-19	-28	+11	-3	+34	+20	+27	+27

Source: ¹ Real Estate Institute of Australia (1999). *Australian property market indicators*

² Real Estate Institute of Australia (2009). *Real estate market facts*.

As can be seen in the table above, the increases to real median weekly rents between 1999 and 2009 were not consistent across Australian cities.

The greatest increases in median weekly rents were in Perth, Darwin and Canberra, and to a lesser extent Hobart. Of these, the large increases in Perth and Hobart are attributable to the low median weekly rents that were available in these cities in 1999 relative to other cities.

The increase to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between 1999 and 2009 was 44.1 points, or 36 per cent. The table shows a comparison of the changes to the CPI between 1999-2009 and the changes to median weekly rents in real terms among Australian cities. As may be seen in the table, increases to median weekly rents between 1999 and 2009 in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide were less than the increase to the CPI over the period. In contrast, rents increases for three bedroom houses between 1999 and 2009 for Brisbane, Perth, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin exceeded the increase to the CPI for the same period.

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- **Topic:** Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Could you also provide a comparison of the CPI index over the last decade with the median rental price rises for the specific regions of Carnarvon, Karratha, Port Hedland, South Hedland, and Broome?

Answer:

The department does not collect median rents for these regions so cannot provide a comparison between these and the CPI.

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Question No: 285

- **Topic:** Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

How do rises in median personal income over the last ten years compare with increases to the full Rent Assistance payment, in terms of dollar figures and as a percentage increase?

Answer:

As may be seen in the tables below, median personal income increased by 11 per cent in real terms, between 1998 and 2008. During the same period real (CPI adjusted) Rent Assistance maximum rates increased by 9 per cent.

Median weekly total earnings		
	<i>Actual median personal income</i>	<i>Real median personal income \$08 (CPI adjusted)</i>
1998 ¹	\$558.00	\$748.64
2008 ²	\$833.00	\$833.00
Increase 1998-2008 (\$)	\$275.00	\$84.36
Percentage increase	49%	11%

Source: ¹ ABS (1998). *Employee earnings and hours*. Publication no. 6306.0

² ABS (2008). *Employee earnings and hours*. Publication no. 6306.0

Note: The ABS publication *Employee earnings and hours* is published bi-annually by ABS. It is due to be updated in 2010.

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Maximum Rent Assistance rates per fortnight			
<i>Actual figures</i>	<i>Couple</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Sharer</i>
Sep-98 ¹	\$71.00	\$75.20	\$50.13
Sep-08 ²	\$103.80	\$110.20	\$73.47
Actual increase (\$)	\$33	\$35	\$23
<i>Real figures \$08 (CPI adjusted)</i>	<i>Couple</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Sharer</i>
Sep-98	\$95.26	\$100.89	\$67.26
Sep-08	\$103.80	\$110.20	\$73.47
Percentage increase	9%	9%	9%

Source: ¹ Centrelink (1998). *A guide to Australian Government payments 20 September 1998-31 December 1998.*

² Centrelink (2008). *A guide to Australian Government payments 20 September 2008-31 December 2009.*

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Question No: 098

- **Topic:** Crisis Accommodation - Homelessness
- **Hansard Page:** CA62-63

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you provide us with the current figures on turn-away rates in crisis accommodation accessed specifically by women escaping domestic violence situations? Is there a gender bias in the figures for turn-away rates for emergency accommodation?

Answer:

Turn-away data for crisis accommodation under the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) is published annually by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, and is available on its website¹.

The report, *Demand for SAAP accommodation by homeless people 2007-2008*, provides an estimate of the number of people who made a valid unmet request for accommodation but could not be accommodated in SAAP at all and those who eventually found SAAP accommodation by the end of each day. The turn-away rate for SAAP services is the number who could not be accommodated in SAAP at all. There is no data available on how often people have their needs met by non-SAAP services and therefore no longer require SAAP assistance.

The number of turn-away out of total demand for accommodation is calculated by looking at the total population seeking accommodation on a day (in 2007-08, 14,696 daily average), excluding the number of people continuing their accommodation in SAAP on the day (14,042 daily average in 2007-08), and the number of people newly accommodated (269 daily average in 2007-08). For 2007-08, this was 385 people on average, daily (2.6 per cent of total demand for accommodation) that were not accommodated and turned away. This method seeks to avoid counting people multiple times if they have to make multiple requests.

The turn-away rate for agencies targeting women escaping domestic violence was 2.5 per cent, with 88 people turned away daily in 2007-08. It should be noted that even though these people were not accommodated in SAAP services, they could receive advice and or support on a range of matters from the SAAP agencies they approached which may assist them resolve their accommodation issues.

¹ *Demand for SAAP Accommodation by Homeless People 2007-08 – a report from the SAAP National Data Collection* - The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Canberra, May 2009, Cat no HOU 211 at <http://aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/subject/13/startRow/11>

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There is no data on the gender of people turned away from SAAP agencies, but there is turn-away data by agencies that target particular groups. The average number of people turned away daily at SAAP agencies targeting single men was 31, and at agencies targeting single women 11, in 2007-08. The SAAP unmet demand data collection does not provide us with gender data to ascertain if there is a bias in turn away rates.

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Question No: 099

- **Topic:** Crisis Accommodation

Hansard Page: CA64

Senator Ludlam asked:

Could we be provided with figures for the two budgets of the Rudd government compared with the final budget of the Howard government? Could you break down for us Commonwealth spending on emergency accommodation for the last three financial years? Are those figures available?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) subsumed the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program and Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) and the (SAAP) from 1 January 2009. Emergency, or supported accommodation was funded under SAAP and the Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP) under the CSHA.

Payments under the NAHA, made by Commonwealth Treasury to State and Territory Treasury Departments, incorporate recurrent funding previously provided under the CSHA and SAAP. State and Territories are solely responsible for determining funding priorities, responding to homelessness and providing housing assistance. As the Commonwealth does not have access to funding allocations under the NAHA made by the State and Territory Governments, we are not aware of any cuts to emergency accommodation. Specific figures for crisis and emergency accommodation for the financial year 2008/09 can only be provided to 31 December 2008.

Commonwealth Funding	2007-08 \$ million	2008-09 1 Jul 08 – 31 Dec 08 \$ million
SAAP	185.781	95.888
Crisis Accommodation Program	41.842	21.230
Total	227.623	117.118

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Question No: 100

- **Topic:** COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Hansard Page: CA65-66

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you table details on the three Foyer model developments that have been approved?

Answer:

The details of the three Foyer model developments are outlined in the table below:

State	Funding		No of dwellings /places	Model	Client group	Description
	Capital	Recurrent				
NSW	National Affordable Housing Agreement and/or Social Housing Initiative under NBESP	National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness \$1.28million	15	Foyer	Young people exiting care	Youth hub incorporating Foyer model to support young people exiting correctional facilities. 45 clients per annum. 15 new units to be developed
SA	A Place to Call Home (APTCH) Initiative under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. \$9.5 million	National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. \$2 million	23 housing outcomes	Ladder Youth Housing Service, based on Foyer principles.	Young people and young families	To be built in western suburbs of Adelaide. Mentoring program to be provided by AFL through Ladder.
WA	A Place to Call Home (APTCH) Initiative under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. \$19.828 million	National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. \$1.606 million	35	Foyer	Young people	To be developed in Perth

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Question No: 101

- **Topic:** Social Housing Spending

Hansard Page: CA66

Senator Ludlam asked:

How much has that offset the reduction in funding?

Answer:

The original new construction target for the Social Housing Initiative was 20,000 dwellings at an average cost of \$300,000 per dwelling. The \$750 million funding reduction would therefore have expected to reduce the total number of dwellings to 17,500.

The Social Housing Initiative is currently expecting to deliver around 19,300 dwellings or some 1,800 houses more than the revised target using an average cost of \$300,000. Generous land contributions from the States and Territories and leveraging by the Community Housing sector are supporting the achievement of this outcome.

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Question No: 276

- **Topic:** Evaluation of Weekly Payments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

- When is it expected that the weekly payments scheme will start?
- What guidelines are available about how weekly payments of income support will work in practice?
- Who will be eligible to obtain weekly payments?
- Are there any legal impediments to the payment of weekly payments and will this initiative require legislative changes for it to be operationalised?
- What is planned in terms of community consultation and engagement over this new payment option?

Answer:

An inter agency working group between FaHCSIA, Centrelink, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Veterans' Affairs is currently developing the details of how weekly payments will be implemented. The implementation of weekly payments crosses all support types. Decisions on eligibility, operational guidelines and the commencement date have not yet been finalised.

Trial weekly payments have been in place in a limited geographical area and for specific payments since 2001. Qualitative research conducted from October 2005 to April 2006 showed that individuals coped better on weekly payments and were in a better position to manage their financial, health and personal circumstances and were better able to participate in the labour market or education and training to improve their capacity to participate. Trial shows a significant decline in the incidence of breaches, suspensions, debts and a reduction in debt levels per participant for people on weekly payments.

Issues related to any legal impediments or requirements for legislative amendments and the development of a stakeholder communication strategy are being considered by the inter agency working group.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 281

- **Topic:** Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Centrelink recipients are one of the groups most acutely affected by housing affordability. The Commonwealth Rental Assistance is pegged to the CPI: How has this translated in real terms in the last ten years? That is, what was the full rent assistance payment ten years ago compared with today?

Answer:

Maximum Rates per fortnight \$			
<i>Actual figures</i>	<i>Couple</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Sharer</i>
September 1999	71.60	76.00	50.70
September 2009	105.40	111.80	74.53
<i>Real figures \$09 (CPI adjusted)</i>	<i>Couple</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Sharer</i>
September 1999	97.82	103.83	69.27
September 2009	105.40	111.80	74.53

Source: Centrelink – A guide to Australian Government payments 20 September 2009 – 31 December 2009 and A guide to Australian Government payments 20 September 1999 – 31 December 1999

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 077

- **Topic:** Repairs and Maintenance Works

Hansard Page: CA38-39

Senator Payne asked:

Can you tell us what the value of the backlog of repair and maintenance works for public housing at the time of the announcement of the Social Housing Initiative scheme (broken down by state and territory if possible?) Could you also provide how many dwellings- apartments, houses and so on – that represented?

Answer:

This information is not collected by the Commonwealth. States and Territories have advised the following in response to this question:

State/Territory	Estimate of Repairs and Maintenance Backlog
New South Wales	The maintenance backlog for NSW public housing as at December 2008 was estimated at \$591 million. This was across the total residential property portfolio, representing 48,514 cottages and 74,015 units, villas and town houses.
Victoria	Information not available. The Victorian Office of Housing conducts responsive, programmed and vacated maintenance based on property condition, the type of maintenance required, and the urgency of undertaking maintenance.
Queensland	The Queensland Department of Communities had approximately \$28 million in backlog. Information by dwelling type or numbers is not available.
Western Australia	Prior to the announcement, WA identified 2,041 dwellings with works estimated to cost over \$104 million. Information by dwelling type or numbers in not available.
South Australia	Current information is not available; however Housing SA undertakes capital, responsive, programmed and vacancy maintenance on its housing portfolio. Programmed and capital maintenance is determined by property type and stock being retained for the longer term. Responsive and vacancy maintenance is undertaken as required and in accordance with the level of priority.

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State/Territory	Estimate of Repairs and Maintenance Backlog
Tasmania	The value of the backlog of repair and maintenance works for public housing at the time of the announcement was estimated to be approximately \$100 million. Information by dwelling type or numbers is not available.
Australian Capital Territory	Information not available. Housing ACT is in the process of a complete condition audit of all of its stock.
Northern Territory	As of February 2009, there were 129 Public Housing dwellings requiring maintenance, at an average cost of \$40,000, with a total value of approximately \$5.1 million. Information by dwelling type or numbers is not available.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 082

- **Topic:** Social Housing Sites

Hansard Page: CA43

Senator Payne asked:

Could you provide us with a breakdown by postcode of the locality of each of the sites under Stage 2?

Answer:

Based on a total of 16,648 new dwellings under Stage 2, the allocation by postcode is as follows:

Stage 2 Construction		
State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
NSW	2017	38
	2018	7
	2036	28
	2077	66
	2093	4
	2113	23
	2114	54
	2115	11
	2120	26
	2122	49
	2142	75
	2145	9
	2146	4
	2147	24
	2148	42
	2152	24
	2160	45
	2161	75
	2162	15
	2164	60
2165	203	
2166	25	
2168	46	
2170	160	

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	2171	9
	2190	21
	2191	20
	2192	26
	2194	8
	2196	63
	2199	79
	2200	20
	2206	45
	2207	22
	2208	33
	2209	146
	2210	44
	2211	18
	2212	74
	2213	29
	2220	10
	2226	14
	2228	25
	2229	13
	2232	25
	2250	66
	2259	41
	2261	70
	2263	9
	2280	41
	2281	53
	2283	39
	2284	25
	2285	14
	2287	37
	2290	94
	2304	11
	2306	75
	2307	9
	2320	83
	2322	55
	2323	32
	2324	26
	2325	60
	2327	15

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	2330	28
	2333	72
	2337	6
	2340	169
	2350	116
	2370	8
	2400	64
	2428	32
	2430	108
	2440	10
	2443	5
	2444	36
	2446	22
	2447	4
	2450	51
	2460	9
	2470	17
	2478	22
	2480	21
	2484	28
	2485	18
	2500	84
	2502	7
	2517	23
	2518	95
	2519	40
	2526	8
	2528	35
	2534	11
	2536	28
	2537	8
	2539	46
	2541	82
	2546	16
	2560	212
	2564	50
	2565	44
	2566	7
	2570	7
	2571	5
	2572	23

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	2577	20
	2620	46
	2640	65
	2650	96
	2680	18
	2747	162
	2750	16
	2760	85
	2770	199
	2774	18
	2780	10
	2790	38
	2794	21
	2795	45
	2800	165
	2830	39
	2782	10
NSW Total		5,442
Vic	3000	59
	3004	3
	3008	85
	3011	3
	3012	8
	3013	2
	3015	4
	3018	43
	3019	8
	3028	1
	3029	10
	3030	15
	3037	13
	3040	2
	3046	14
	3047	101
	3048	10
	3051	121
	3056	6
	3058	65
	3064	50
	3065	43
	3067	54

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	3068	62
	3072	59
	3073	60
	3074	23
	3075	11
	3076	39
	3081	14
	3084	124
	3103	31
	3104	12
	3108	98
	3109	2
	3122	41
	3125	20
	3128	1
	3129	1
	3131	2
	3132	12
	3134	116
	3136	29
	3138	4
	3140	2
	3147	47
	3148	11
	3150	44
	3152	6
	3153	37
	3155	27
	3156	88
	3166	50
	3169	7
	3175	126
	3177	3
	3182	163
	3186	1
	3188	18
	3189	75
	3190	2
	3193	4
	3198	3
	3199	47

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	3200	14
	3204	49
	3205	55
	3206	7
	3214	66
	3215	17
	3216	48
	3219	9
	3220	53
	3250	16
	3264	1
	3280	44
	3300	7
	3304	3
	3337	1
	3340	8
	3350	68
	3355	28
	3356	5
	3377	4
	3380	6
	3400	19
	3444	2
	3459	2
	3465	4
	3478	3
	3500	67
	3505	2
	3549	14
	3550	91
	3551	3
	3555	22
	3556	7
	3564	17
	3585	11
	3629	2
	3630	99
	3644	7
	3658	1
	3660	1
	3672	14

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	3676	12
	3677	31
	3690	101
	3730	2
	3754	24
	3756	2
	3777	4
	3779	2
	3818	2
	3820	63
	3824	1
	3825	12
	3844	44
	3850	25
	3860	3
	3875	26
	3887	6
	3915	21
	3919	10
	3931	20
	3953	7
	3977	39
	3995	17
	3996	10
	3913	3
	3060	6
	3224	9
	3218	14
	3020	22
	3171	15
	3714	6
	3130	28
	3031	18
	3066	86
	3975	18
	3981	18
	3752	4
	3071	2
	3151	2
	3799	8
	3763	1

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	3502	1
Vic Total		3,884
Qld	4006	124
	4010	37
	4012	15
	4013	24
	4017	69
	4018	48
	4019	16
	4020	39
	4030	7
	4032	39
	4035	25
	4051	76
	4053	80
	4059	32
	4065	20
	4066	18
	4068	24
	4101	145
	4102	35
	4105	8
	4114	22
	4122	9
	4132	11
	4152	38
	4157	16
	4159	20
	4160	1
	4161	6
	4163	64
	4169	11
	4170	8
	4171	8
	4207	70
	4209	45
	4211	144
	4215	162
	4216	18
	4218	14
	4220	25

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	4221	10
	4224	17
	4225	18
	4300	56
	4301	46
	4304	78
	4305	76
	4311	4
	4343	6
	4350	87
	4405	2
	4455	6
	4502	18
	4507	87
	4510	47
	4511	2
	4519	14
	4550	5
	4551	66
	4556	7
	4558	19
	4560	18
	4570	31
	4573	31
	4605	1
	4650	35
	4655	120
	4662	7
	4670	48
	4671	4
	4680	52
	4700	42
	4701	32
	4703	2
	4715	20
	4740	59
	4750	4
	4753	10
	4800	4
	4802	2
	4805	19

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State / Territory	Postcode	Dwellings
	4810	144
	4812	39
	4814	36
	4815	5
	4820	5
	4825	8
	4850	17
	4854	12
	4860	13
	4868	47
	4869	35
	4870	83
	4871	11
	4878	2
	4879	39
	4880	8
	4883	18
	4885	16
	4872	4
	4210	7
	4822	2
	4817	12
	4120	5
	4217	10
	4031	9
	4034	12
	4103	10
	4413	1
	4112	1
	4500	1
	4720	4
	4007	8
	4380	8
	4069	27
	4076	16
	4509	30
	4505	16
	4506	16
Qld Total		3,522

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WA	6003	104
	6031	37
	6036	108
	6053	18
	6054	15
	6061	128
	6064	81
	6065	11
	6066	4
	6069	28
	6104	16
	6107	11
	6110	16
	6111	70
	6112	20
	6147	5
	6148	12
	6158	58
	6163	27
	6164	234
	6167	64
	6170	20
	6210	301
	6230	129
	6233	7
	6280	12
	6285	15
	6302	3
	6312	19
	6317	3
	6330	40
	6383	1
	6401	6
6430	9	
6525	6	
6528	22	
6530	57	
6718	32	
6168	6	
WA Total		1,755

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SA	5000	166
	5007	3
	5011	67
	5017	2
	5021	8
	5023	37
	5031	6
	5032	12
	5033	3
	5038	1
	5039	5
	5041	10
	5042	6
	5043	16
	5046	8
	5047	1
	5074	20
	5075	13
	5083	2
	5084	22
	5085	63
	5086	19
	5093	4
	5095	33
	5096	4
	5097	7
	5098	4
	5107	10
	5108	56
	5110	11
	5112	4
	5113	1
5114	49	
5116	16	
5118	1	
5161	8	
5164	30	
5168	30	
5169	35	
5173	16	
5211	18	
5214	13	
5251	18	

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	5253	15
	5255	16
	5260	1
	5271	28
	5290	23
	5330	2
	5333	3
	5341	6
	5343	24
	5345	1
	5352	7
	5355	9
	5453	6
	5540	14
	5554	9
	5556	9
	5558	7
	5606	7
	5608	9
	5690	11
	5700	22
	5723	25
SA Total		1,112
Tas	7000	50
	7010	30
	7011	39
	7015	5
	7018	7
	7050	24
	7054	8
	7109	29
	7190	4
	7216	8
	7248	27
	7250	113
	7253	2
	7277	4
	7307	22
	7310	36
	7315	12
	7316	3
	7320	24
Tas Total		447

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ACT	2602	36
	2604	29
	2605	20
	2611	34
	2612	20
	2614	12
	2615	47
	2617	15
	2902	18
	2905	10
	2906	20
	2914	39
	ACT Total	
NT	810	20
	812	8
	820	57
	828	18
	830	8
	870	75
NT Total		186

Note: The number of dwellings in a particular postcode may change as a result of revisions by the States and Territories in finalising individual projects.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 080

- **Topic:** Completed Buildings

Hansard Page: CA42

Senator Payne asked:

Can you tell us what the total value is of the 73 completed buildings? Could you include the value of the outstanding work that remains to be done? Can you break down those figures to show other related costs such as administrative expenses, consultants fees etc?

Answer:

The 73 completed dwellings reported at the Senate hearing on 22 October 2009 was determined from fortnightly progress reports provided by jurisdictions. These reports do not provide details of the individual dwellings completed or the total funding expended.

The Department receives detailed monthly reports that provide current information on the new construction projects funded under the Social Housing Initiative, including expenditure. The end of September 2009 report showed that 67 dwellings had been completed. The estimated total cost for these dwellings is \$17.545 million of which the Australian Government has approved funding of \$17.325 million. The Western Australian Government are contributing \$220,000 towards one of the completed projects.

The final cost for the construction of these dwellings cannot be provided at this time as a number of the completed dwellings are part of larger contracts or developments where construction is still continuing. Final costs for these projects will not be known until the entire development is complete and final payments have been made.

All administration expenses are being met by State and Territory Governments and project management fees represent on average between one and five per cent of the total new construction spend across the jurisdictions.

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Question No: 085

- **Topic:** Repairs and Maintenance Costs

Hansard Page: CA45

Senator Payne asked:

Can the Department provide an estimated recurrent cost of the maintenance of these newly constructed additional homes or homes made tenantable due to the repairs and maintenance program?

Answer:

For new dwellings, a statutory and contracted warranty period will apply and this will cover the cost of defects for a specified period. Following this period, maintenance will need to be conducted in accordance with dwelling type, location and use.

Estimates for the expected recurrent maintenance costs have not been provided for individual dwellings either constructed or refurbished through the Social Housing Initiative. Maintenance costs for the first five years for new dwellings, assuming 'fair wear and tear', are expected to be relatively modest.

Beyond the initial period outlined above, jurisdictions have advised that, in general, annual repair and maintenance costs could be expected in the range of 3 to 5 per cent of construction costs.

The obligation for ongoing maintenance resides with both State and Territory housing agencies and, where a dwelling is transferred, community housing providers.

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Question No: 050

- **Topic:** National Housing Supply Council

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Recently the RBA Head of Economic Analysis, Tony Richards, told a housing conference that there has been strong demand for new housing in recent years coming from strong income and population growth, but there have been a number of factors on the supply side that have combined to keep the supply of new housing below where it would have been in a more responsive environment. Commencements of new housing over the past five have averaged around 150,000 dwellings, versus around 150,000 over the previous five year period. What level of new construction is necessary to overcome Australia's housing affordability crisis?

Answer:

The National Housing Supply Council and others generally agree about 180,000 new dwellings should be built per annum to meet underlying demand.

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Question No: 052

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

Of the 745 NRAS projects approved so far for WA, how many have been built with sustainability standards above the BCA 5 star rating?

How does this compare to all other states and territories?

How does WA's performance compare to your own checklist?

Answer:

The Department considers accessibility and sustainability in assessing individual applications but does not hold the information in a readily accessible form. Compiling this information manually would involve a significant resource cost.

Of the 344 incentives approved in Western Australia in Round Two, 144 Incentives were rated satisfactory against the accessibility and sustainability criterion.

There is no data available to allow for a comparison of WA's dwelling performance against the sustainability checklist nor against projects or applications in other jurisdictions.

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Question No: 058

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

What proportion of NRAS properties completed in WA are within 800m of a train station or regular bus service?

What proportion of NRAS properties completed in WA are within 800m of a local shopping centre?

Answer:

The Department considers this information in assessing individual applications but does not hold the information in a readily accessible form. Compiling this information manually would involve a significant resource cost.

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Question No: 078

- **Topic:** Outstanding Repairs and Maintenance

Hansard Page: CA38

Senator Payne asked:

Does that include administration expenses, charges from the relevant State or Territory agencies or consultant fees? Is that something you can breakdown?

Answer:

Administration expenses are met by the States and Territories. Project management fees are incorporated within the project costs of 70,000 approved repairs and maintenance projects which include repairs to individual dwellings and common areas.

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Question No: 079

- **Topic:** Upgrade of Dwellings

Hansard Page: CA40

Senator Payne asked:

What was the average cost per dwelling of upgrading when this scheme was announced?

Answer:

The average cost of returning homes at the end of their useful life to stock was not confirmed prior to the announcement of the Scheme. States and Territories have reported various costs depending on the age and nature of stock.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 081

- **Topic:** Demolition Programs

Hansard Page: CA42-43

Senator Payne asked:

Do you have the figure for the number of public housing dwellings that the state and territory governments have demolished so far to make way for new dwellings?

Answer:

States have been advised that 1634 dwellings beyond their useful life are being demolished as part of redevelopments. The NSW Government is replacing 1176 of these dwellings with additional stock funded from its own revenue. An additional 8 dwellings are also being demolished to allow for greater density projects to be built.

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 084

- **Topic:** House and Land Packages

Hansard Page: CA45

Senator Payne asked:

Can you tell the committee how much house and land packages have been purchased by State and Territory Governments, whether directly or via a tender process, under this program?

Answer:

At the time of estimates hearings States and Territories advised that the number of house and land packages were:

State/Territory	Estimate of Repairs and Maintenance Backlog	
New South Wales	NSW Summary of house and land packages purchases	
	Total Turnkey / Complete Package projects	10
	Total Package projects	26
	Total Land with DA (RFTs)	17
	TOTAL	53
Victoria	Victoria has approximately 146 house and land packages that are to be purchased under the Nation Building program.	
Queensland	Approximately 60% of the program in Queensland (some 2,400 dwellings) is being delivered through a turnkey acquisition program which has sourced projects directly from developer/builders.	
Western Australia	WA has currently sourced 785 dwellings from developers which are combination of house and land packages, off the plan 'offer and acceptances' and forward funding arrangements.	
South Australia	A total of 261 house and land packages will be purchased.	
Tasmania	A total of 141 house and land packages will be purchased.	
Australian Capital Territory	Currently negotiating for the delivery of 24 house and land packages.	
Northern Territory	Nil	

This does not include other methods of procurement directly from the private sector.

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Question No: 086

- **Topic: NRAS**

Hansard Page: CA47

Senator Payne asked:

Can you table the total number of incentives awarded with the successful round two applications broken down between state and territory?

Answer:

Table 2: Round Two Incentives offered by jurisdiction and year as at 30 October 2009 *.

Table 2: Incentives offered to date – Main Round

State	Total
ACT	101
NSW	1,363
QLD	1,649
SA	542
TAS	337
VIC	2,405
WA	344
Total	6,741

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Question No: 090

- **Topic:** NRAS incentives by postcodes

Hansard Page: CA50-51 & 52

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you provide the NRAS incentives allocated to date, broken down by postcode?

Answer:

The following postcode information is current as at 30 November 2009. Data shown is the confirmed incentive allocation for Rounds 1 and 2. Data is subject to variation as property development progresses.

Round 1

State	Postcode	Number of Dwellings by Postcode
ACT	2606	1
	2607	1
	2615	32
	2617	2
	2914	20
Total		56
NSW	2017	57
	2035	8
	2135	7
	2137	219
	2150	27
	2164	50
	2165	8
	2166	26
	2170	3
	2200	133
	2250	31
	2259	15
	2285	109
	2287	3
	2325	11
2444	5	
2450	5	
2500	28	

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	2516	5
	2517	3
	2540	88
	2541	15
	2550	10
	2560	68
	2571	60
	2747	56
	2760	24
Total		1074
QLD	4006	30
	4019	8
	4128	83
	4207	40
	4209	12
	4211	2
	4215	100
	4300	28
	4301	47
	4352	14
	4510	10
	4511	10
	4570	14
	4650	50
	4655	56
	4815	15
	4869	100
	4870	44
Total		663
SA	Unknown	90
	5000	65
	5012	1
	5016	5
	5031	1
	5033	70
	5035	1
	5037	1
	5039	2
	5043	26
	5045	3
	5046	6
	5048	2
	5063	2
	5064	2
	5068	1

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	5069	4
	5084	5
	5085	28
	5086	24
	5092	2
	5095	6
	5108	6
	5110	6
	5112	23
	5113	19
	5114	20
	5211	1
Total		422
TAS	7010	24
	7011	20
	7016	2
	7018	4
	7019	14
	7030	16
	7050	61
	7052	2
	7054	44
	7109	16
	7140	20
	7171	24
	7172	30
	7190	44
	7215	6
	7216	15
	7248	14
	7250	35
	7260	3
	7307	47
	7310	29
	7315	5
	7320	82
	7321	1
	7322	1
	7323	1
	7324	1
	7325	16
	7326	1
	7327	1
	7328	1
	7329	1

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	7330	1
	7331	1
	7332	1
	7333	1
	7334	1
	7335	1
Total		587
VIC	3011	179
	3023	27
	3024	1
	3029	27
	3030	60
	3034	100
	3049	2
	3064	8
	3201	2
	3214	2
	3337	23
	3350	5
	3355	1
	3356	1
	3400	6
	3429	1
	3550	11
	3551	1
	3556	6
	3630	36
	3636	6
	3805	7
	3810	18
	3825	8
	3840	8
	3850	10
	3875	13
	3977	3
	3981	6
	3996	18
Total		596
WA	6000	1
	6056	10
	6063	10
	6066	25
	6069	14
	6111	22
	6112	158

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	6147	18
	6148	26
	6163	22
	6167	36
	6208	35
	6725	24
Total		401
Grand Total (Round 1)		3799

Round 2

State	Postcode	Number of Dwellings by Postcode
ACT	2906	12
	2911	22
	2913	67
Total		101
NSW	Unknown	11
	2119	32
	2127	350
	2131	20
	2142	112
	2144	7
	2152	12
	2156	9
	2160	18
	2161	46
	2165	56
	2196	20
	2205	126
	2250	12
	2259	27
	2280	10
	2285	3
	2287	13
	2290	18
	2297	8
	2298	7
	2300	17
2302	6	
2320	64	
2340	10	
2350	10	
2446	2	

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	2448	5
	2450	13
	2460	17
	2464	10
	2480	32
	2529	50
	2550	30
	2580	33
	2747	26
	2750	103
	2777	18
Total		1363
QLD	4006	63
	4006	64
	4032	32
	4051	60
	4065	20
	4107	20
	4108	14
	4109	28
	4116	80
	4124	24
	4132	17
	4133	7
	4152	14
	4209	31
	4210	5
	4214	8
	4215	95
	4216	156
	4285	20
	4300	37
	4301	20
	4304	53
	4305	3
	4306	54
	4341	5
	4350	64
	4413	17
	4501	41
	4505	48
	4506	70
	4510	103
	4551	31
	4560	29

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	4570	44
	4680	96
	4700	6
	4701	3
	4720	10
	4740	59
	4754	2
	4800	20
	4868	20
Total		1593
SA	Unknown	36
	5000	121
	5007	4
	5012	20
	5014	15
	5015	12
	5017	4
	5038	2
	5039	5
	5041	6
	5043	4
	5044	16
	5067	12
	5070	10
	5074	40
	5084	2
	5085	5
	5093	10
	5098	20
	5112	4
	5113	12
	5114	14
	5115	5
	5158	12
	5164	23
	5168	11
	5169	32
	5173	5
	5174	4
	5203	6
	5211	2
	5233	4
	5253	10
	5275	2
	5461	40

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	5540	3
	5600	2
	5606	4
Total		539
TAS	7000	20
	7007	20
	7010	2
	7015	26
	7016	3
	7018	42
	7019	40
	7030	113
	7050	2
	7109	1
	7140	20
	7172	2
	7184	2
	7190	4
	7250	40
Total		337
VIC	3011	256
	3012	7
	3020	9
	3023	31
	3024	42
	3029	23
	3030	36
	3046	11
	3058	255
	3064	32
	3072	7
	3073	5
	3076	59
	3122	10
	3134	36
	3135	6
	3136	15
	3137	5
	3138	17
	3148	100
	3152	3
	3168	600
	3171	30
	3175	91
	3338	35

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	3350	3
	3356	31
	3400	6
	3550	14
	3551	5
	3555	1
	3556	2
	3630	11
	3690	10
	3730	4
	3754	46
	3805	285
	3806	150
	3825	8
	3844	19
	3850	8
	3977	25
Total		2427
WA	6003	39
	6112	105
	6164	200
Total		344
Grand Total (Round 2)		6704

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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 092

- **Topic:** National Rental Affordability Scheme

Hansard Page: CA53

Senator Ludlam asked:

Can you table the data that is connected on the NRAS properties and their compliance with the sustainability standards to whatever form that you have it collated currently?

Answer:

While information about sustainability and accessibility was considered during the assessment processes for Rounds 1 and 2, this information was not collected with compliance certificates. The Sustainability and Accessibility Checklist will be distributed to Round 1 and 2 participants early next year in a separate data collection exercise.

The application process for Round 3 has been designed to collect and record this information from the Checklist during assessment.

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Question No: 094

- **Topic:** HAF Rebates

Hansard Page: CA57

Senator Payne asked:

Could you give us an idea of where these (HAF Rebates) have been done?

Answer:

As of 12 November, rebates have been passed to home buyers at two Housing Affordability Fund projects: the Ropes Crossing project in Blacktown, NSW and the Clarence Valley Council project in NSW.

From Round One five Housing Affordability Fund projects will deliver reforms which will benefit more than 300,000 dwellings/lots. These reforms are located in Queensland, South Australia and Victoria.

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Question No: 282

- **Topic:** Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlam asked:

- a) To what degree have increases in median rents outpaced increases in the CPI over the last decade?
- b) How have rises in median incomes over the last decade compared with the CPI?

Answer:

a) The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for June 1999 was 122.3. The CPI at June 2009 was 166.4, representing an increase of 36 per cent.

Between 1999 and 2009, real increases in median weekly rents for three bedroom houses ranged from 8 per cent in Melbourne to 70 per cent in Perth.

Median rents by capital city			
Capital City	Median (Real) Rents June 1999¹ (\$)	Median Rents June 2009² (\$)	Percentage increase (%)
Sydney	\$299	\$350	17%
Melbourne	\$279	\$300	8%
Brisbane	\$231	\$340	47%
Adelaide	\$218	\$290	33%
Perth	\$212	\$360	70%
Hobart	\$204	\$318	56%
Darwin	\$340	\$555	63%
Canberra	\$245	\$400	63%

Source: ¹ Real Estate Institute of Australia (1999). *Australian property market indicators*

² Real Estate Institute of Australia (2009). *Real estate market facts*.

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b)

Comparison between median income and CPI		
	Mean gross Household income \$08 (CPI adjusted)	Consumer Price Index
1997-98	\$1,153	120.3
2007-08	\$1,649	161.4
Percentage increase	43%	34%

Source: ABS Housing and Occupancy and Costs, 2007-08 and ABS Australian Economic Indicators, Nov 2009

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Question No: 288

- **Topic:** Funding for the Social Housing Initiative

Hansard Page: CA66-67

Senator Ludlam asked:

Is the Commonwealth contemplating further drawing down of the proposed social housing spending? Can the government provide an undertaking that there will not be any further cutbacks to the social housing commitments that were made?

Answer:

The Government is committed to its economic stimulus program.

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T8 Commonwealth Recovery Assistance for the Victorian Bushfires
Summary Report

The Victorian bushfires of early 2009, and in particular those bushfires on 7 February 2009, were one of Australia's worst natural disasters. Eight months on from the fires, the Commonwealth Government is continuing to work in partnership with the Victorian Government in the rebuilding effort.

A comprehensive recovery package is being delivered aimed at addressing all the dimensions of recovery across the psycho-social, economic, physical infrastructure and environmental domains and supporting individuals, families and communities.

The Commonwealth Government has committed around \$450 million to the recovery and rebuilding effort.

This includes:

- \$220 million advance to the Victorian Government under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements based on an estimate for 2008-09 expenditure;
- \$2 million Commonwealth contribution to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund;
- More than \$80 million paid to individuals through the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment, the Income Recovery Subsidy and Funeral/Memorial Assistance; and
- Over \$79 million for bushfire recovery programs and projects, including:
 - \$20.3 million for Case Managers and staff in Community Service Hubs over 2 years
 - \$13.27 million for a Rail Trail under the Community Infrastructure Program
 - \$10.8 million committed under the Caring for Our Country Bushfire Recovery Program
 - \$7.5 for a mental health package over 2 years
 - \$5.4 million for solar hot water rebate for fire victims (until 2010)
 - \$4.8 million under the Jobs Fund for five projects to support and create jobs and skills development through projects that build community and social infrastructure along with bushfire recovery.

Nearly \$370 million has also been provided to bushfire affected areas through the economic stimulus package. While not directly allocated for bushfire recovery, this funding has also helped in rebuilding local economies.

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Rebuilding Together: A Statewide Plan for Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery

The Rebuilding Together Plan, jointly released by the Prime Minister and Premier Brumby at Flowerdale in Victoria on 16 October 2009, was developed by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority.

The Plan will deliver initiatives and projects to support people as they rebuild their homes, replace and redevelop vital community facilities and infrastructure and actively drive the rebuilding of communities over the next two years.

The Plan provides \$193 million to deliver a two year work program being financed by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and \$20 million in donor contributions.

The Commonwealth is contributing \$52.31 million to the Plan, in addition to the nearly \$400 million already committed by the Commonwealth.

The Plan targets rebuilding in four main areas: people; reconstruction; economy; and the environment. The Plan includes \$93.4 million to support people and communities as they rebuild. A further \$60.5 million will be provided to actively support and drive the reconstruction task. More than \$21.6 million will be allocated to help stimulate economic recovery in fire affected communities and new funding of \$17.5 million will be used to rehabilitate the environment and address environmental problems caused by the fires.

The Commonwealth will continue to work with the Appeal Fund Advisory Panel, the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction Authority, the Victorian Government and local communities to ensure that its contribution to the rebuilding effort is targeted, effective and compliments appropriately, other assistance that is being provided.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund was established on 8 February 2009 by the Victorian Government in partnership with the Commonwealth Government and Australian Red Cross, to support individuals and communities in areas affected by the bushfires. The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments each committed \$2 million to the Fund.

The Fund raised more than \$386 million, providing an incredible show of support and compassion from the Australian people. Donations under the Appeal Fund have supported people with injuries, hospital and health related issues, funerals and bereavement, damage to properties, replacement of lost tools and home contents and the rebuilding of homes.

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Mr John Landy, after nearly seven months chairing the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Independent Advisory Panel, has now stepped down and Mr Pat McNamara has assumed the role of chairing the Fund's Advisory Panel.

On 16 September 2009, the Federal Assistant Treasurer, Senator the Hon Nick Sherry and the Parliamentary Secretary for Bushfire Reconstruction, the Hon Bill Shorten highlighted the introduction of a Bill into the House of Representatives for tax rule changes to allow the Red Cross Appeal Fund to be disbursed more flexibly.

This includes payments to assist orphaned children, individuals, primary producers and land owners, and transition payments for households. In addition, the legislative changes allow the Fund, should it choose to do so, to undertake a range of community benefit projects.

The changes will be back dated until 29 January 2009 to cover all payments made by the Appeal Fund.

Appeal funds will not be used on projects which would otherwise in the normal course of events be undertaken by Government.

Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission

The Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission was established on 16 February 2009 to investigate the causes and responses to the bushfires. The Attorney General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP has primary responsibility for the Commonwealth's contribution to the Commission's work.

The Royal Commission Interim Report was released on 17 August 2009, with the 51 recommendations predominantly focused on change to protect human life, and reforms that can be implemented prior to the 2009-10 Victorian bushfire season.

The Attorney-General provided the Government's response to the Royal Commission's interim report on 31 August 2009.

The Commonwealth remains committed to further assisting the Royal Commission beyond the implementation of recommendations of the Commission's Interim Report.

The Royal Commission will hold its third round of meetings from 5 October to 6 November 2009 and deliver its final report on 31 July 2010.

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Question No: 108

- **Topic:** Volunteer Grants

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Did all 2008 successful recipients receive their funding?

Answer:

All but 17 of the 7,237 successful recipients received funding.

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Question No: 110

- **Topic:** Volunteer Grants

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

How many applications were received for the 2009 round?

Has the department received any late applications?

Answer:

17,790 Volunteer Grants 2009 applications were received.

Yes.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 112

- **Topic:** Volunteer Management Program (Volunteer Resource Centres)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Have any volunteer resource centres approached the department seeking further funding assistance in addition to funding received under the Volunteer Management Program? What were the main reasons for seeking additional funds?

Answer:

Yes. Eight Volunteer Resource Centres funded under Volunteer Management wrote to the Department in 2008-09 seeking additional funding.

The main reasons were to cover increases in staff salaries and rental costs, to respond to increased demand for volunteer training and volunteer placements, and to service the growing demand in expanding areas.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 113

- **Topic:** Volunteer Management Program (Volunteer Resource Centres)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Have any additional funds been provided to any Volunteer Resource Centres?

Answer:

Yes. Twenty Volunteer Resource Centres funded under Volunteer Management received additional funding in 2008-09.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 115

- **Topic:** Western Australian Aboriginal Health Information and Ethics Committee (WAAHIEC)

Hansard Page: CA120/121

Senator Siewert asked:

Who is on that ethics committee?

Answer:

The WA Department of Health has advised FaHCSIA that it would prefer that names of WAAHIEC members remain confidential.

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Question No: 116

- **Topic:** Income Management

Hansard Page: CA121

Senator Siewert asked:

In the evaluation that you have already done have you looked at the additional services that are being provided by the state government, particularly by the Department for Child Protection, to support the families that have been put on income management?

Answer:

The Interim Evaluation of Income Management in WA did not look at additional services provided by the Western Australian Government.

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Question No: 239

- **Topic:** Problem Gambling

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Researchers consider that the incidence of problem gambling is 10 times higher in Indigenous communities. What is the government doing to address this?

Answer:

State and Territory Governments are responsible for the regulation of gambling in Australia and for providing support and treatment for problem gamblers. The Australian Government works closely with State and Territory Governments, through the Ministerial Council on Gambling (MCG), to develop national solutions to problem gambling.

Research commissioned by Gambling Research Australia has shown that problem gambling in Indigenous communities is closely intertwined with other social problems including financial capability, abuse and violent crime, alcohol and drug related problems, homelessness and overcrowding. The Australian Government invests significant resources into services that address these underlying causes.

The Australian Government is also increasing the evidence-base to better understand the issues surrounding problem gambling and Indigenous Australians and has commissioned, or supported, the following research:

- *Development of Culturally Appropriate Problem Gambling Services for Indigenous Communities*, the Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre (CIRCA), (December 2009).
- *Reported Gambling Problems in the Indigenous and Total Australian Population*, Commissioned by Gambling Research Australia for the Ministerial Council on Gambling, June 2009.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 107

- **Topic:** National Compact

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

- a. What date in July was the workshop held?
- b. Who was invited to attend that workshop?
- c. What peak bodies and stakeholder organisations were represented at the workshop?
- d. Who funded attendance at the workshop?

Answer:

- a. 20 July 2009.
- b. 90 organisations were invited to attend the workshop. See **Attachment A: National Compact Workshop – 20 July 2009- Invitation list.**
- c. The full list of peak bodies and stakeholder organisations is at **Attachment B: National Compact Workshop – 20 July 2009 – Attendees.**
- d. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs funded airfares and accommodation for National Compact Taskforce Members and a scribe, and reimbursed all or part of the airfare and accommodation costs for seven small non-profit organisations who sought financial assistance to attend.

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ATTACHMENT A

National Compact Workshop – 20 July 2009- Invitation list

Health & Ageing
Australian National Council on Drugs
Mental Health Council of Australia
Cancer Council Australia
Catholic Health Australia
Hammond Care Group
Carers Australia
Australian Council on the Ageing
Community Services
Uniting Care
Anglicare
Catholic Social Services Australia
Family Relationship Services Australia
Families Australia
St Vincent de Paul National Council of Australia
Salvation Army
Smith Family
Early Childhood Australia
Australian Council for Children & Youth Organisations
Aged & Community Services Australia
Australian Red Cross
Australian Meals on Wheels Foundation
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
National Disability Services
Community and Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association
Kindergarten Parents Victoria
Childcare Associations Australia
Development & Housing
Community Housing Federation
Council to Homeless Persons
Homelessness Australia
Lions Club
National Shelter
National Youth Coalition for Housing
NSW Women's Refuge Movement Resource Centre

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Employment Services
Jobs Australia
ACE National Network
Heritage Organisations
Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites)
Australian Council of National Trusts
Australian Heritage Council
Culture & Recreation/Sport
Regional Arts Australia
Australian Council for the Arts
Australian Business Arts Foundation
Australian Sports Foundation
Australian Athletes with a Disability
Australian Performing Arts Centres Association
Museums Australia
Musica Viva
International Development
Australian Council for International Development
World Vision
Australian Volunteers International
Oxfam
Philanthropy
Myer Foundation
Macquarie Foundation
Philanthropy Australia
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
Harold Mitchell Foundation
Social Ventures Australia
Innovation Exchange
Emergency/Disaster
Australian Emergency Management Volunteer Forum
St John Ambulance
Surf Life Saving Australia

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Environment
Australian Conservation Foundation
Greening Australia
Landcare Australia
Australian Environment Network
Wilderness Society Australia
Indigenous
Reconciliation Australia
Secretariat of National Aboriginal & Islander Child Care
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
National Native Title Council
Sector Peaks
Roundtable of Non-Profit Organisations
National Council of Churches
Australian Council of Social Service
Federation of Ethic Communities, Councils of Australia
Volunteering Australia
Youth
Centre for Multicultural Youth
Women
Australian Women's Coalition
National Rural Women's Coalition
Security4Women
WomenSpeak, YWCA
International Women's Development Agency
Unions
Australian Services Union
CPSU
Health Services Union
Other
Australian Local Government Association
Refugee Council
Our Community
Inspire Foundation
The Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Non profit Studies Queensland University of Technology
Volunteering Queensland
National Growth Area Authority

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Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
Australian Emergency Management Volunteer Forum and St John's Ambulance
Surf Life Saving Australia
Landcare Australia
Australian Environment Network
Wilderness Society Australia
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

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International Women's Development Agency
Australian Services Union
CPSU
Refugee Council
Volunteering Queensland
Social Ventures Australia
Jobs Australia
Australian Local Government Association
Federation of Ethnic Communities, Councils of Australia
Taskforce members or representatives
Trust Company Ltd
Centacare
Conservation Volunteers Australia
Whittlesea Council
The Public Interest Law Clearing House
Queensland Council of Social Service
Previously Aboriginal Employment Services
Mission Australia
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Department of Health and Ageing
Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
Australian Public Service Commission
The Treasury
AusAID

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 109

- **Topic:** Volunteer Grants

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

How much of the \$21 million 2008 program funding was allocated?

Answer:

Total funding for Volunteer Grants 2008 was \$20,716,945.62.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 111

- **Topic:** Volunteer Grants

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

When will successful applicants be notified?

Will the list of successful applicants be publicly available?

Will Members of Parliament be notified of the local organisations in their electorate that were successful?

Answer:

Letters to successful applicants from the Department were sent on 7 December 2009.

The list of successful applicants will be publicly available.

Members of Parliament will be notified by the Minister of the number of successful organisations in their electorate. Information on successful organisations including name, suburb and postcode will be listed on the Department's website.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 114

- **Topic:** Release of Evaluation

Hansard Page: CA119

Senator Siewert asked:

Is it possible for the evaluation of the implementation administration process to be publicly released?

Answer:

The public release of the Interim Evaluation of Income Management in WA is a matter for Government to decide on.

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Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 240

- **Topic:** Improving School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

What has been the result of linking welfare payments to school attendance in the Northern Territory? How many people had their welfare quarantined or further quarantined as a result of failing to attend school?

Answer:

Note: SEAM is part of the Government's broader set of welfare payments reform measures. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has implementation responsibility for SEAM. DEEWR provided the following response.

The Improving School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) is not about quarantining income support. Rather, SEAM uses the possible suspension of income support payments, with the offer of Centrelink Social Work support, to encourage responsible parental action to ensure children are enrolled at and attending school.

As at 11 December 2009 enrolment details have been provided to Centrelink for 97 per cent of the children currently in scope for SEAM in the six Northern Territory trial locations – Katherine, Katherine Town Camps, Hermannsburg, Tiwi Islands, Wadeye and Wallace Rockhole. The remaining three per cent of cases are within the allowable time to provide this information to Centrelink.

The enrolment component of SEAM will continue to be applied to parents who become newly in scope for SEAM, for example by moving to a trial location or when their child reaches compulsory school age.

The attendance component of SEAM provides a voluntary lever for principals to use in cases of poor attendance where this intervention may make a difference. Where principals consider SEAM will assist parents to meet their responsibility to get their children to school, a referral can be made to Centrelink. Upon receiving valid referrals, Centrelink will send a letter to parents providing them 28 days to take reasonable steps to improve their child's attendance. As at 11 December 2009, Centrelink had issued formal attendance notices to 18 customers in the NT. A small number of these had their payments suspended for seven days from 8 December to 14 December 2009, however these families' payments were reinstated (including back pay of suspended monies) at the end of term four. Suspension periods are not applied during the holidays parents are unable to demonstrate 'appropriate action' during school holidays.

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T4 Broadband for Seniors live kiosks as at 21 October 2009

Senator Judith Adams asked: Are the Broadband for Seniors kiosks located in regional areas?

Host Name	Postcode	State
Calvary Retirement Community Canberra Limited	2617	ACT
Beauty Point Retirement Resort	2211	NSW
Bowraville Technology Centre	2449	NSW
Willoughby City Council	2067	NSW
Delegate Progress Association	2633	NSW
Eden Community Access Centre	2551	NSW
John Paul Village	2233	NSW
Catholic Care of the Aged	2444	NSW
Tripoli and Mena Association	2195	NSW
Sawtell Catholic Care of the Aged	2452	NSW
Cooinda Aged Care	2357	NSW
CTC Sussex Inlet	2540	NSW
Broken Hill City Library (Charles Rasp Library)	2880	NSW
Nepean Community College	2750	NSW
Lismore Neighbourhood Centre	2480	NSW
Uniting Care Ageing North Coast	2480	NSW
Cynthia Street Neighbourhood Centre	2261	NSW
Deniliquin Neighbourhood Centre	2710	NSW
Intereach Albury	2640	NSW
Intereach Buronga	2739	NSW
Bondi Beach Astra Retirement Village	2026	NSW
HammondCare Social Club	2170	NSW
CPSA Dapto Seniors Club	2530	NSW
Tingha Regeneration Inc	2369	NSW
Polish Association and Seniors Cabramatta	2166	NSW
BCS Aminya Centre	2153	NSW
Randwick City Council	2035	NSW
Burrunju Aboriginal Corporation	2620	NSW
The Lions Club of Toukley Inc	2263	NSW
Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre	2785	NSW

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Springwood Neighbourhood Centre	2777	NSW
Narromine Community Services Centre	2821	NSW
Wellington Information and Neighbourhood	2820	NSW
Novacare Seniors Club	2290	NSW
Richmond Tweed Regional Library	2478	NSW
Kempsey Shire Library	2440	NSW
Oberon Council Library	2787	NSW
North Coast Computer Project	2447	NSW
Host Name	Postcode	State
Thurgoona Community Centre	2640	NSW
Mungindi CTC	2406	NSW
Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre	2317	NSW
Compass Business and Community Services	2430	NSW
Communicate Port Stephens	2324	NSW
Tea Gardens CTC	2324	NSW
Shellharbour City Libraries	2528	NSW
CTC@Warialda	2402	NSW
CTC Bulahdelah Incorporated	2423	NSW
Old Bar Beach Community Technology Centre	2430	NSW
Cape Byron Estate	2481	NSW
Pioneer House Aged Care Inc	2850	NSW
Far South Coast Community College	2550	NSW
Coolamon Shire Council	2701	NSW
Robinson Education Centre Inc.	2880	NSW
Fancy That Op Shop	4570	QLD
Logan Area Committee on Ageing	4114	QLD
Palmview Village	4740	QLD
Tiaro District Community Centre inc.	4650	QLD
African Seniors Club	4101	QLD
The Domain Retirement Village	4214	QLD
Coolangatta Senior Citizens Centre	4225	QLD
Hervey Bay Senior Citizens Club	4655	QLD
Logan City Council Libraries	4119	QLD
Townsville Senior Citizens Welfare Ass	4810	QLD
Pomona & District Community House Inc.	4568	QLD

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COIN Internet Academy, Rockhampton Regional Library, Rockhampton Regional Council	4700	QLD
Redland District Committee on the Ageing	4163	QLD
Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre	4881	QLD
North Lakes Retirement Resort	4509	QLD
SeniorNet Association Inc	4305	QLD
On Statenborough Retirement Village	5068	SA
Laura & Alfred West Cottage Homes Inc	5113	SA
Trevu House Residential Aged Care	5118	SA
Southern Cross Care	5037	SA
Aldinga Community Centre	5173	SA
Hallett Cove Baptist Community Centre	5158	SA
The Hut Community Centre	5154	SA
Milang Progress Association Incorporated	5256	SA
Community Access Centre	5333	SA
St Helens Neighbourhood House Association Inc	7216	TAS
Southern Cross Care (Tas)	7005	TAS
Host Name	Post code	State
Highvale Retirement Village	3150	VIC
Altona North Bowls Club	3025	VIC
Emerald Evergreens Senior Citizens	3782	VIC
Ocean Grove Senior Citizens Centre	3226	VIC
Heatherlie Homes	3280	VIC
Wonthaggi U3A	3995	VIC
Melita Social Club INC.	3058	VIC
MPBC	3163	VIC
Watsonia Neighbourhood House	3087	VIC
Royal Freemasons Homes of Victoria	3004	VIC
Highton Senior Citizens Centre	3216	VIC
ISOMER Senior Citizens Centre	3156	VIC
Melbourne Legacy	3000	VIC
Sunbury Village Management Services Pty Ltd	3429	VIC
Royal Freemasons Homes of Victoria	3174	VIC

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Seasons Supported Living	3037	VIC
Golden Paradise Beach Residents Ass	3851	VIC
Latrobe Retirement Village	3073	VIC
Princes Court Homes Inc.	3500	VIC
Anglesea Lions Club	3230	VIC
Good Shepherd Aged Service	3067	VIC
Camberwell Community Centre	3124	VIC
Euroa Community Education Centre	3666	VIC
U3A Sunraysia	3500	VIC
Uniting Aged Care Victoria	3131	VIC
McIvor Neighbourhood House	3523	VIC
St.Arnaud Community Resource Centre	3478	VIC
Plenty Valley Retirement Village	3076	VIC
Sunraysia DisAbility Resource Centre	3500	VIC
Warburton on Line	3799	VIC
BEST Community Development	3350	VIC
Adra Opportunity Centre	3875	VIC
Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House	3129	VIC
Parkglenn Retirement Community	3173	VIC
Boort District Health	3537	VIC
Busselton Senior Citizens Centre	6280	WA
U3A Manjimup	6258	WA
Southern Districts Senior Citizens Club	6156	WA
Whitford Senior Citizens Club Inc	6025	WA
Beacon Hill Retirement Village	6162	WA
Augusta Telecentre Inc	6290	WA
Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Recreation Centre	6122	WA
West Arthur Telecentre	6392	WA
Greenbushes Telecentre Inc.	6254	WA
City of Rockingham Autumn Centre	6168	WA

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 118

- **Topic:** Pension reporting changes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

- How much did the Department project that the requirement of Pensioners to report income would cost Centrelink in additional staffing costs?

Answer:

- There were no projected additional Centrelink staffing costs in respect of the changes to the assessment of earnings of pensioners.
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- The changes have simplified the assessment of earnings by pensioners and standardised the assessment regime for all Centrelink Income Support recipients.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 120

- **Topic:** Work Bonus

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

- Can you provide the work force participation estimates or modelling you have, and how you costed the Work Bonus and Age Pension expenditure changes in light of the Work Bonus?

Answer:

- Question was asked and answered during committee hearing on Thursday 22 October 2009. Refer Hansard page CA37.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 121

- **Topic:** Work Bonus

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Is it correct that people will incur the 50c income taper rate, rather than the 40c taper rate when accessing the Work Bonus?

Answer:

Pensioners who access the Work Bonus have moved to the new pension system introduced from 20 September 2009, and have the benefit of increased rates of payment, improved indexation and the new Pension Supplement. They are subject to the 50 cent taper rate.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 122

- **Topic:** Work Bonus

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Is the government effectively clawing back support provided in the Work Bonus?
How much did this clawback save in expenditure?

Answer:

Question was asked and answered during committee hearing on Thursday 22 October 2009.
Refer Hansard page CA 37.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 123

- **Topic:** Seasonal Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Do you have access to data on the number of seasonal workers?

Answer:

Centrelink has advised that as at 22 October 2009 there are 56,000 pensioners over Age Pension age who have variable patterns of employment income and are subject to the new fortnightly reporting requirement. However, a proportion of these pensioners would not be seasonal workers but rather would be in ongoing employment where the amount of income varies. Centrelink is not able to provide a breakdown of the number of pensioners reporting now, or expected to do so in the future, due only to seasonal work.

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Question No: 124

- **Topic:** Seasonal Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

- Previously, how would seasonal workers have:
 - a) reported their income?
 - b) had this income assessed?

Answer:

- a) The person would have discussed with Centrelink a method of reporting that was suitable to them and appropriate for their circumstances. This could have been fortnightly, monthly or for another designated period agreed between the individual and Centrelink. Where work was only very occasional they would have reported to Centrelink when they did the work.
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- b) The previous legislation required an annual rate of employment income to be determined when assessing pension entitlement for those of Age Pension age. Where a pensioner's employment income was regular, it was straightforward to convert the current rate of employment income to an annual rate of income. However where employment income was variable it was much more problematic to strike an annual rate.
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- If income was not earned at a constant or clearly recognisable annual rate, average earnings over a suitable period were used to obtain a rate. This average was dependent on when a person advised of their earnings and over what period of time the work was undertaken. Different periods could have been used to reflect the individual's pattern of earnings, depending on the circumstances. Twelve weeks was a common period used by Centrelink to average earnings over.
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- Pensioners of Age Pension age who undertook work that only occurred once a year could in certain circumstances prior to 20 September 2009 have the income assessed as if it were being earned over 52 weeks. This option was not available to allowees, pensioners under Age Pension age, or pensioners who did this work more than once a year, for example, many exam supervisors.

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Question No: 125

- **Topic:** Seasonal Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

How has this changed? Why has this changed?

- Is it correct that people undertaking seasonal work can no longer annualise out their payment?

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Answer:

- Employment income is now generally assessed on a fortnightly basis.

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- As part of the Pension Reform package the Work Bonus was introduced as a new income test concession for employment income. In any fortnight, the first \$500 of employment income only has 50 per cent of it counted for the purposes of the pension income test for pensioners over Age Pension age. Implementation of the new Work Bonus required a fortnightly assessment process.

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- Previous rules provided for the annualisation and averaging of variable income from work and had been a source of ongoing complaint from pensioners and pension groups because they were complex and were unclear, resulting in uncertainty and inconsistency. Fortnightly earnings assessment addresses these issues by bringing consistency to the assessment of employment income. The new fortnightly reporting rules mean all pensioners will be treated on the same basis and provide certainty about reporting requirements.

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- Under previous rules employment income could be annualised only where the episode of employment income was for a discrete period and only occurred once a year. This option is no longer available under the new arrangements.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 126

- **Topic:** Seasonal Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

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- Previously, how would those with variable incomes have:
- a) reported their income?
- b) had this income assessed?
- How has this changed? Why has this changed?

Answer:

Refer to answers to Question no 124 and Question no 125.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 127

- **Topic:** Seasonal Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

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- Is it correct that people undertaking variable work can no longer annualise out their payment?

Answer:

Refer to Question 125.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 130

- **Topic:** Reporting Requirements

Hansard Page: CA28

Senator Boyce asked:

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- If a pensioner who is subject to the reporting requirement is ill, their computer is broken or whatever and is late in reporting, maybe by a couple of days or a week, what happens (if they cannot contact Centrelink)?

Answer:

- If a pensioner on fortnightly reporting does not report, their pension is not paid. As soon as contact is made, payment is released with full entitlements backdated. They do not have to wait until next fortnight. Once the contact is made, the entitlement is assessed on the basis of their earnings over the relevant fortnight.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 131

- **Topic:** Seniors Card holders (reciprocal transport concessions)

Hansard Page: CA35

Senator Carol Brown asked:

Can the figure of 59,200 be broken down by state and territory?

Answer:

No information is available to break down the number of trips by state / territory.

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Australian Government
Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Senator Claire Moore
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
ESTIMATES HEARING – 22 October 2009**

This is to provide clarification to an answer provided at Community Affairs Senate Committee on 22 October 2009.

On page CA35 of Hansard, I advised the Committee that 59,200 individuals used their Seniors Card in 2008-09. To clarify, this figure represents the total number of trips taken by customers eligible for concessions on Great Southern Rail services under the Government's funding agreement for concessional travel during 2008-09, one element of which provides for concessions for Seniors Card holders.

As per our written response to Question on Notice 131 (tabled on Friday 11 December 2009), the number of trips taken by concession card holders in each State and Territory is not collected.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ty Emerson', written over a horizontal line.

Ty Emerson
Branch Manager
Social Security Policy Branch
Social Policy Group

21 January 2010

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 119

- **Topic:** Senior card holders

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

What is the estimate of the number of Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders in 2010-11?

Answer:

Forecast figures of Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders for 2010-11 are not publicly available.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 128

- **Topic:** Pensions Stalled

Hansard Page: CA26-27

Senator Boyce asked:

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- Do you have figures on how many pensioners have had their pension stalled or reduced to zero as a result of the reporting? How many of those 56,000 are not getting pensions now? Could you also provide copies of the letters sent?

Answer:

- Centrelink has advised in the first fortnight after 20 September 2009 about 4,400 pensioners of Age Pension age had their payment delayed by 1 working day due to late reporting and approximately 2,200 by more than one day. These figures will have since reduced as approximately 25 per cent of customers who had to report in the first fortnight no longer have to do so. Also, the number of people reporting after their due date is reducing as Centrelink has enabled customers to change their reporting day to suit their needs. Of the 56,000 pensioners currently required to report, data is not available to identify those customers cancelled due to being more than 13 days late.

Copy of letters sent to pensioners attached.

{PO Box 298 BALLARAT VIC 3353}

Customer Reference Number: {123 456 789A}

<{NOMINEE.TITLE.SURNAME}
{NOMINEE.ADDRESS}
{NOMINEE.ADDRESS}>

<{CLIENT.TITLE.SURNAME}
{CLIENT.ADDRESS}
{CLIENT.ADDRESS}>

{20 June 2008}

<NOMCLI: <NOMCUS: This is a copy of the letter we have sent to {CLIENT.FULLNAME} for whom you are the nominee. | This letter provides information about {CLIENT.FULLNAME} for whom you are the nominee. > | >

Dear {CLIENT.TITLE.SURNAME},

Changes to how Centrelink treats employment income

As part of the 2009/10 Federal Budget, the Australian Government announced a number of changes to Australian pension payments. These changes form part of the Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform package.

The following changes will start from 20 September 2009:

- Customers over Age Pension age will have their pension payment calculated on the actual employment income earned over the preceding fortnight instead of calculating an annual employment income. This is consistent with other Centrelink payments and benefits.
- Eligible customers that continue to work past Age Pension age will be entitled to the new Work Bonus.
- More options will become available for customers to report employment income, including using Centrelink Online Services and calling the Centrelink Reporting line.

It is important to understand that from 20 September 2009, if you, or your partner have income from employment, you may be required to contact Centrelink every two weeks to report your employment income in order to get paid.

What you need to do

Please read the enclosed attachment for more information about changes and how they may affect you.

If you need more information

For more information about the changes, please go to the 'Secure and Sustainable Pensions' link at www.centrelink.gov.au



If you wish to talk to us about how these changes may affect you, please call us on the number shown in the **Contact information** section of this letter or visit your nearest Centrelink Customer Service Centre. If you have a hearing or speech difficulty and would like to use a Teletypewriter (TTY) phone, please call **1800 810 586***.

Yours sincerely

Manager
{Local.CSC.Office}
Centrelink

Contact information



{13 2300}* OR
13 12 02* for languages other than English
Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm
EST

Please quote reference number: {CRN}
charges apply for '13' numbers and may apply
'1800' numbers



Your local Centrelink Customer Service
Centre:

{CSC.Address}
{CSC.Address}
{CSC.Address}
AUSTRALIA
{CSC.Opening.hours}



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Changes to reporting employment income

What will change

From 20 September 2009, customers over Age Pension age will have their pension payment calculated on the actual employment income earned over the preceding fortnight.

This means that if you (or your partner) have variable employment income, you will need to report your employment income to Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. This will include fortnights where no employment income has been earned.

Centrelink will not be able to calculate and pay your (or your partner's) pension until this information has been received.

What you need to do

You will only have to report fortnightly if Centrelink sends you a Reporting Statement.

The Reporting Statement will provide you with the following information:

- Your future reporting requirements (when to report and for what period)
- Your notification obligations (what to report)
- Your reporting options (how you can report)

Your first Reporting Statement will be issued before 20 September 2009 and then every 12 weeks as variable income continues.

If you will be travelling, or are unable to receive mail from your usual mailing address in the week preceding 20 September 2009, you should contact Centrelink at that time to find out if you have been sent a Reporting Statement.

If you do not receive a Reporting Statement then you do not have to do anything.

Please note that you must still notify Centrelink of any other changes in your circumstances within 14 days of when they occur.

How you can report your employment income to Centrelink

As a result of these changes, you will now have more options available to you to report your employment income to Centrelink. This means that from 5 October 2009, you can report using Centrelink eServices, including:

- Online Services via the Centrelink website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**
- The Centrelink Reporting Line by calling **13 3276***

You will need to register to use these services. You do not need to wait until 5 October 2009 to register for Centrelink eServices. You can register by visiting the Centrelink website, calling **{13 2300}*** or visiting your nearest Centrelink Customer Service Centre.

You can continue to report using the current methods, including calling the call centre on **{13 2300}*** or visiting your nearest Centrelink Customer Service Centre.

The Work Bonus

What is the Work Bonus?

From 20 September 2009, the Work Bonus will be available to pension customers over Age Pension age who receive employment income. The purpose of the Work Bonus is to provide senior workers an incentive to be in the workforce by reducing the amount of employment income that is included under the income test.

Under the Work Bonus only half of the first \$500 of gross fortnightly employment income will be included in the income test. If you are partnered, the Work Bonus applies to each member of a couple that meets the eligibility criteria. The Income Free Area that currently exists for your situation will remain and be in addition to this concession.

To see examples about how employment income is assessed under the Work Bonus, please go to the 'Secure and Sustainable Pensions' link at www.centrelink.gov.au

Is all income included under the Work Bonus?

The Work Bonus will partially disregard employment income such as wages or other remuneration for work that directly relates to the fortnight proceeding payment. There are some exceptions that it will not apply to such as:

- Leave payments
- Payments to a principal from sole traders or partnerships

What you need to do

You do not need to claim the Work Bonus. If you qualify, Centrelink will automatically assess your entitlement under the Work Bonus.

You should continue to advise your gross employment income each fortnight and Centrelink will automatically deduct the correct amount under the Work Bonus before applying the income test.

Important information

The Work Bonus is not available to pension customers being paid under a transitional rate **.

**The Work Bonus is one of a number of changes to the Australian pension system as part of the Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform package. No pensioner will be disadvantaged due to these changes. Any pensioner who would otherwise have had a reduction in their payment because of the changes will be paid a transitional rate, until they are not worse off under the new rules. More information about the transitional rate and other changes as part of the Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform package will be sent separately.

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Mrs 1StName Surname
1Test St
Testville SA 5000
21 September 2009

Your Centrelink Payment

Enclosed in this letter

1. Your Reporting Statement

This form tells you how to report your employment income and other changes in circumstances on your reporting days.

2. Your Centrelink Statement

This contains information about your payments, income and other details. To update your details please contact Centrelink.

IMPORTANT

Information about your Age Pension

- If you choose, your partner can report earnings and changes in circumstances for both of you.
- You must report your and your partner's earnings for the whole Centrelink Reporting Period, including the first and last day.
- Your Centrelink Reporting Period can be different from the period on your payslip. Use 'Your Earnings Worksheets' to help you record and work out how much you earned in a Centrelink Reporting Period. You can also find help in the booklet 'Reporting your Earnings: what you need to know'.
- If you get paid any allowances from your work (e.g. for fuel, meals, clothing) ask Centrelink if you need to report them with your gross earnings. Most allowances are not counted as part of your income from employment.
- Make sure when you report to answer all of the questions carefully. No-one wants you to get into debt to Centrelink. If you get a debt, you'll have to pay it back.

Your Contact Information

If you have any questions about this letter please call:

13 2300

OR

for Multilingual Services **13 1202**

Monday —Friday 8.00 am —5.00 pm

(Please quote reference number **123 456 789A**)

Your local Centrelink Office:

9 Test Drive, Testville

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8.00am — 5.00pm

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Your Rights

If you do not agree with a decision Centrelink has made:

- Contact us so we can explain the decision and change it if appropriate (this step is optional).
- Contact us and ask for an independent Authorised Review Officer to look at your case.
- Go to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal if you disagree with the Authorised Review Officer's decision.
- Go to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal if you disagree with the Social Security Appeals Tribunal's decision.

All of the above are free of charge.

Most decisions in relation to the Northern Territory Income Management measure are not able to be reviewed by the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

Important: If you wish to appeal a decision, contact Centrelink as soon as possible. If you do not ask for

a review **within 13 weeks** of being notified of the decision, you may not receive your full entitlement if the decision is changed.

If your payment has been stopped for an eight week non-payment period, your payment may, in some cases, continue while the decision is being reviewed. To see if this applies to you, you need to ask whether you will be able to get 'payment pending review' at the time you ask for the decision to be reviewed.

To comment on our service

- Call Customer Relations on **1800 050 004** or the TTY phone on **1800 000 567** if you have a hearing or speech difficulty.
- Call the Commonwealth Ombudsman on **1300 362 072**

Your personal information is protected by law

Your personal information is protected by law and can only be released to someone else in special circumstances, where commonwealth legislation authorises or requires, or where you give permission.

The law does, however, allow Centrelink to check the information you provide with other organisations to

ensure you are being paid correctly. If you have concerns about your personal information, you can:

- talk to us about your rights to see and change your information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

- contact the Office of the Privacy Commissioner on **1300 363 992** or use a Teletypewriter (TTY) phone

on **1800 620 241** if you have a hearing or speech difficulty.

You can get more information from the fact sheet titled *Your Right to Privacy*.

Data Matching

Information provided by you to Centrelink may be used for data matching with other government agencies to detect and prevent incorrect payments and fraud.

Taxation

Age Pension, like wages and salaries is part of your taxable income. If tax is not deducted from your payment, and your total income is over the tax threshold, you may have to pay tax in a lump sum at the

end of the financial year. The Tax Office can tell you how much this may be. You can ask us to take tax

out of your payments at any time.

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for Age Pension**

Reference: **123 456 789A**

Mrs 1StName Surname

1 Test St

Testville SA 5000

Issue date: 21 September 2009

This Reporting Statement is an information notice given under social security law by a Commonwealth entity. You have an obligation to provide Centrelink with all the information that is relevant to your payment. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence. Information provided by you may be checked under Centrelink's data matching programs.

You must report every 2 weeks on the dates below

- You will not be paid your Age Pension until you/your partner report.
- Report your expected gross earnings even if you/your partner haven't been paid yet.
- You must report even if you/your partner haven't worked.

For this Centrelink Reporting Period Report on this day

16 Sep 2009 to 29 Sep 2009 Tuesday 29 Sep 2009

30 Sep 2009 to 13 Oct 2009 Tuesday 13 Oct 2009

14 Oct 2009 to 27 Oct 2009 Tuesday 27 Oct 2009

28 Oct 2009 to 10 Nov 2009 Tuesday 10 Nov 2009

11 Nov 2009 to 24 Nov 2009 Tuesday 24 Nov 2009

25 Nov 2009 to 8 Dec 2009 Tuesday 8 Dec 2009

What you must report for each Centrelink Reporting Period

If any circumstances have changed (see the list on the back of this page for details)

If you/your partner were employed:

- The business where you/your partner worked.
- The amount you/your partner earned for work done in the Centrelink Reporting Period that relates to the day you need to report. The amount reported must be the amount earned BEFORE tax and other deductions such as salary sacrifice. You must report even if you have not received some or all of the pay yet.

How you report

Call our reporting line 13 3276 (13 'EARN')

on your reporting day between Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.00pm

Please quote your reference number **123 456 789A** and your PIN.

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Changes you must tell Centrelink about

You must tell us if you and/or your partner have or are likely to have any of the following changes in circumstances. You must tell us about any changes on your reporting day immediately following the change (your reporting days are on the front of this page).

If you do not tell Centrelink about changes, you could have a debt. If you have a debt, you may have to pay all or some of the money back. If you do not tell Centrelink about income you have earned, or if you provide false or misleading information about your income, you may also have to pay a recovery fee.

Employment

- start, stop, recommence or change work in any form of profession, trade, business or self-employment
- income from employment changes (the amount earned goes up or down)

Accommodation and Rent

- change address, or move into a retirement village, or are admitted to a nursing home or hostel
- start or stop sharing accommodation with another person or the amount of rent paid changes
- start or stop paying rent to a State, Territory or Commonwealth Housing Authority

Family circumstances

- you marry; are in or commence a registered or de facto relationship (either opposite or same-sex); reconcile with a former partner or start to living with someone as their partner; separate from your partner or your partner dies
- have a change in the number of children in your care or start sharing the care of a child
- if sharing the care of a child, the amount of time the child spends with you changes
- receive maintenance/child support for yourself or your children (whether periodic lump sum or capital transfer) including any regular support similar to maintenance/child support (such as payments made to another person on your behalf for mortgage, rent, and school fees) or the amount of maintenance/child support changes
- a dependent child leaves home, or is granted a pension, benefit or allowance, or leaves Australia, or stops full-time study and starts working

Income, Assets and Investments

- buy, sell, change, get any money from or receive a bonus from any shares or managed investments
- get money from a superannuation or rollover fund or get any leave entitlements
- get a redundancy payment
- income stream payments/investments change, for example annuities or superannuation pensions
- sell your house/buy another home or the income you receive from an investment property changes
- become involved or change involvement in a business, company or trust
- the value of your assets or financial investments changes by more than \$1,000

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- gift assets or sell them for less than their value
- get any money from ANY other source

Compensation

- You must tell us **within 7 days** if you (or your partner) have received compensation or become aware that you will receive compensation

Other

- change or close the account we send your payments to
- plan to leave Australia (including holidays)
- have a change in visa status
- are imprisoned (for example gaol, police station, weekend detention, psychiatric confinement)

What is Income

Income has a very broad meaning for social security purposes. Income includes, but is not limited to earnings from employment (including fringe benefits), business income (including farms), income from rental properties, deemed income from financial investments, income from superannuation pensions and other income streams, income paid from overseas including pensions and most compensation payments. If you have a partner, that person's income may affect your payment.

What are Assets

Assets include the value of goods, cars, boats, furniture, money, investments, real estate, personal property, any interest in any property, any debt owing to you and any other right or interest. Assets do not include the value of the home in which you live or special aids for people with disabilities.

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Reference: **123 456 789A**

Mrs 1StName Surname

1 Test St

Testville SA 5000

**If you need to update any information or you have
any questions, call Centrelink on 13 2300**

Issue date: 21 September 2009

This Centrelink Statement is for the period 30 Jun 2009 to 21 Sep 2009

Please check the information on this statement carefully. If the details on this statement are correct there is no need for you to contact Centrelink. If your circumstances have changed please contact us within 14 days. This request is an information notice given under social security law. You may find it convenient to keep this statement for your records.

RATE OF PAYMENT - Your future rate of payment may change depending on the amount of your earnings, other income or assets. We have not shown Family Assistance payments. Note that all the information in

this statement is from records we hold as at the issue date of the statement.

Regular rate of payment from 15 October 2009

Age Pension \$464.20

Plus Pension Supplement \$42.30

Total \$506.50

Previous payments

Only your most recent (up to 8) regular payments are shown. This is the net amount you would have received into

your bank account. It may also include arrears payments and other allowances and supplements you may be entitled to if these were paid to you separately from your Income Support Payment. We have not shown Family Tax

Benefit payments.

**Centrelink period Payment type Date Paid Amount
paid**

2 Sep 2009 to 15 Sep 2009 Age Pension 17 Sep 2009 \$478.90

19 Aug 2009 to 1 Sep 2009 Age Pension 3 Sep 2009 \$478.90

5 Aug 2009 to 18 Aug 2009 Age Pension 20 Aug 2009 \$478.90

22 Jul 2009 to 4 Aug 2009 Age Pension 6 Aug 2009 \$478.90

8 Jul 2009 to 21 Jul 2009 Age Pension 23 Jul 2009 \$478.90

24 Jun 2009 to 7 Jul 2009 Age Pension 9 Jul 2009 \$490.40

The following payments are included in the total amount paid shown in the table above:

Payment type Frequency Date last paid Amount

Pharmaceutical Allowance Fortnightly 17 Sep 2009 \$3.00

Pension Basic Supplement Fortnightly 17 Sep 2009 \$16.30

Telephone Allowance Quarterly 9 Jul 2009 \$11.50

Note: You may have received more than one payment of each of the above payment types but only the last one is shown.

EARNINGS INFORMATION - You need to tell us your earnings **before** tax and other deductions

such as salary sacrifice. The amount must be for work performed in the Centrelink fortnight prior to notification and

only the amount earned in the Centrelink fortnight, this may be different from your salary pay fortnight.

Work Bonus

Eligible customers that work past Age Pension age are entitled to the Work Bonus.

Under the Work Bonus **half of the first \$500** of your gross employment income is disregarded each fortnight.

The Work Bonus is in addition to the Income Free Area.

If you are partnered, the Work Bonus applies to each member of a couple that meets the eligibility criteria.

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INCOME AND ASSET DETAILS - Income and Asset amounts may be assessed at a deemed rate - see note about deeming in the cover letter with this Centrelink Statement or look on the Centrelink web site at

www.centrelink.gov.au for more information.

Savings accounts

Savings institution Account type Account number Balance last advised

Your share

ANZ Bank Cheque Account 11111111 \$5,000.00 100%

ANZ Bank Saving Account 22222 \$30.00 50%

BankSA Saving Account 333333 \$532.00 50%

Note: Money in savings accounts may be assessed at a deemed rate - see the note about deeming in the cover letter with

this Centrelink Statement or look on the Centrelink web site at www.centrelink.gov.au for more information.

Note: Current bank accounts with a zero balance will not be shown on your Centrelink Statement.

Shares

Company Quantity Total Asset value Your share

Miner Pty Ltd 85000 8,395.00 100%

Other assets

Type Asset value Country

(overseas only)

Your share

BOATS & ACCESSORIES \$8,000 50%

HOUSE HOLD & PERSONAL EFFECTS \$7,000 50%

MOTOR VEHICLES \$22,000 50%

MOTOR VEHICLES \$20,000 50%

Note: An example of other assets may include cars, boats, household goods, life insurance, jewellery but does not include

savings accounts, managed investments, real estate in Australia or shares.

OTHER DETAILS

Contact details

Home phone: (08) 8000 4000

Email address: not recorded

Mobile phone: 0400 123456

Electronic Message Reminders (SMS or email) contact permission: no

If you have not given Centrelink permission to contact you by SMS or email, please contact us to give permission - this will enable us to tell you quickly about appointments and other important information.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 129

- **Topic:** Delayed or deferred payments

Hansard Page: CA27

Senator Boyce asked:

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- Would you be able to provide on notice the numbers of people whose payments were delayed or deferred because of that and the length of time that they were deferred for?
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Answer:

Refer to answers to Question no 117 and Question no 128.

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Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 117

- **Topic:** Pension Reporting Changes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Does the Department have figures on how many pensioners have already had their pensions stalled or cut off as a result of not reporting their fortnightly income? If so, what are the figures?

Answer:

Refer to the answer provided in QoN 128.

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SENATOR BOYCE 22.10.09



THE HON JENNY MACKLIN MP
Minister for Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



THE HON CHRIS BOWEN MP
Minister for Human Services
Minister for Financial Services,
Superannuation and Corporate Law

Dear ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Changes to your pension

In the 2009 - 10 Federal Budget presented on 12 May 2009, the Australian Government announced a number of changes to Australian pensions including increased and simplified payments, new indexation arrangements and changes to the income test. These changes form part of the Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform package.

What you need to do

Enclosed is a fact sheet containing information about a number of changes, most of which have effect from 20 September 2009. Please take the time to read this material so that you will understand the changes to your pension. **You do not need to do anything to make these changes happen.**

A separate letter from Centrelink is included giving you notice of a decision under the social security law about your social security payment and your notification requirements.

Information you should know

If you have complex financial arrangements and are not sure how these changes will affect you personally, you can request to talk to a Financial Information Service Officer.

If you would like to do this or have any other questions about the changes, please call Centrelink on the number shown on the attached letter, or go to the 'Secure and Sustainable Pensions' link at www.centrelink.gov.au

Yours sincerely

The Hon Jenny Macklin MP
Minister for Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

The Hon Chris Bowen MP
Minister for Human Services
Minister for Financial Services,
Superannuation and Corporate Law

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22.10.09*

Changes to Australian Pension payments

The changes outlined within this fact sheet form part of the Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform package most of which will have effect from 20 September 2009. These changes will apply to customers in receipt of Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Wife Pension, Widow B Pension, Carer Payment, Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Service Pension and Income Support Supplement.

Please note that different arrangements apply to people living overseas.

1. An increase to the pension rate for all pensioners

- The maximum single pension rate will increase by \$65 per fortnight. This includes an increase of \$60 in the base pension rate and a \$5 increase to the pension supplement. Full-rate single pensioners will receive the full increase. Part-rate single pensioners will receive a partial increase, with the minimum increase being \$20.20 per fortnight.
- Coupled pensioners will receive an increase of \$10.15 each per fortnight, whether they are on full or part-rate pensions. This increase will be paid as part of the pension supplement.
- These increases will be paid on top of an indexation increase due to take effect from 20 September 2009.
- New indexation arrangements for the base pension apply from 20 September 2009 to better reflect changes in pensioners' living costs, and a new higher benchmark to average wages will be introduced.

2. Income test changes

- There will be an increase in the income test taper rate. The income test taper rate is the rate at which income in excess of the income test free area reduces the pension. This will increase from 40 cents in the dollar to 50 cents in the dollar. People receiving a pension at 19 September 2009 will not be disadvantaged due to these changes.
- A new transitional rate will apply to protect existing pensioners who would otherwise have had a reduction in their payment. These pensioners will receive an increase in their pension and will remain on this transitional rate until they are no longer worse off under the new rules.
- This new transitional rate will be subject to Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases in March and September.
- The current additional income test free area for customers with dependent children will be removed.

3. Introduction of the Work Bonus

- The Work Bonus will apply to pension customers over Age Pension age who receive employment income providing they are not being paid a transitional rate.
- The purpose of the Work Bonus is to provide incentive for senior workers to be in the work by reducing the amount of employment income that is included under the income test. Pensioners of Age Pension age will move to having their employment income assessed fortnightly.
- Only half of the first \$500 of gross fortnightly income from employment will be included in the income test. If you have a partner, the Work Bonus applies to each member of a couple that meets the eligibility criteria. The current income test free area that applies to your situation will remain and be in addition to this concession.

For example, if you have gross employment income of \$300 a fortnight, only \$150 per fortnight would be counted as income. If you have gross employment income of \$600 a fortnight, \$250 + \$100 would be counted as income. The income test free area will apply as usual.

4. The Pension Supplement - merging various pension add-ons into a single supplement

- The Pension Supplement will combine the range of supplements and allowances that have been added to the basic pension over recent years, and will be further increased for both singles and couples. It will include the value of the fortnight GST Supplement and Pharmaceutical Allowance as well as the quarterly Utilities Allowance and Telephone Allowance at the higher internet rate.

For example, add-ons for a single pensioner per fortnight prior to 20 September 2009:

GST Supplement	\$19
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$6
Telephone Allowance (\$34.60 per quarter)	\$5
Utilities Allowance (\$129.70 per quarter)	\$19
TOTAL Add-ons per fortnight	\$50

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From 20 September 2009, [REDACTED] for a single pensioner will increase to **\$56.10** per fortnight, providing an overall increase of \$5.33 a fortnight (includes \$5 from the Pension Reform changes and 33 cents from indexation).

Add-ons for a pensioner couple combined per fortnight prior to 20 September 2009:

GST Supplement	\$32.60
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$6.00
Telephone Allowance	\$5.32
(\$34.60 per quarter)	
Utilities Allowance	\$19.95
(\$129.70 per quarter)	

TOTAL Add-ons per fortnight **\$63.87**

From 20 September 2009, the Pension Supplement for a pensioner couple combined will increase to **\$84.60** per fortnight, providing an overall increase of \$20.73 a fortnight combined (includes \$20.30 from the Pension Reform changes and 43 cents from indexation).

- The Pension Supplement will appear on your statement as an addition to the fortnightly pension. Pensioners receiving the transitional rate will have the value of the Pension Supplement included in their transitional rate amount. It will not show as a separate amount.
- The Pension Supplement will include a 'minimum component'. Provided you remain eligible for at least some pension under the means test, you will be paid at least this minimum component per fortnight. This minimum component, per fortnight, will be \$30.20 for a single pensioner and \$45.60 combined for a pensioner couple.
- **From 1 July 2010**, pensioners will have the option to receive the minimum component of the supplement quarterly instead of fortnightly. Further information will be available in an article in *News for Seniors* next year.

The last quarterly payments of Utilities Allowance and Telephone Allowance will be paid soon after 20 September 2009.

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5. A new annual Carer Supplement

- The Carer Supplement commenced in June 2009 and will be paid annually each July from 2010.
- The Carer Supplement replaces all previous one-off bonuses for carers with a legislated permanent entitlement to an annual lump-sum payment.
- The supplement provides carers with more certainty about their future financial circumstances, allowing them to budget and plan their household finances and expenditures.
- A \$600 Carer Supplement will be paid to recipients of Carer Allowance for each person being cared for. An additional \$600 Carer Supplement will also be paid to:
 - recipients of Carer Payment
 - recipients of both Wife Pension and Carer Allowance
 - recipients of both Department of Veterans' Affairs Partner Service Pension and Carer Allowance
 - recipients of Department of Veterans' Affairs Carer Service pension
- The existing Child Disability Assistance Payment is unchanged.

6. Enhanced Advance Payment arrangements

- From 1 July 2010 there will be a substantial increase in the amount of pension that can be advanced, and multiple advances will be allowed each year.

7. Increase in Age Pension age

- The qualifying age for the Age Pension will be gradually increased from 65 to 67. This increase will commence from 1 July 2017. The new Age Pension age of 67 will be fully effective by 1 July 2023. The change will not affect current age pensioners and it will not affect people born before 1 July 1952.

More information

For more information about how these changes may affect you, please go to the 'Secure and Sustainable Pensions' link at www.centreflink.gov.au

Information about how to call Centrelink can be found on the separate letter from Centrelink.

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New Opportunities for Australian Disability Enterprises

The Exemption to the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines

- **The Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines state that**
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*‘The Mandatory Procurement Procedures do not apply to:
Procurement of property or services from a business that primarily
exists to provide the services of persons with a disability.*
- Procurements which are exempt from the Mandatory Procurement Procedures ... are still required to be undertaken in accordance with the principle of value for money and with the requirements of Procurement Principles section of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

What do Australian Disability Enterprises do?

- **Australian Disability Enterprises are commercial businesses that provide employment opportunities for people with disability.**
- **Australian Disability Enterprises support people with disability to engage in a wide variety of work from design, printing and packaging, to manufacturing,**

laundry and landscaping.

‘More than just good business’

- FaHCSIA is keen to convey the message that working with an Australian Disability Enterprise is ‘more than just good business’
- Australian Disability Enterprises now a unified national brand and will assist Government in marketing the Sector.

Procurement Strategies

- During the development of a marketing strategy for Australian Disability Enterprises, the Australian Government was identified as a large potential purchaser of products and services.
- Also identified limitations to procurement from the Australian Government including:
 - Lack of awareness of Australian Disability Enterprises, and
 - Constraints contained within the previous Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines

Changes to Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPGs) - 1 December 2008

- **Changes to the CPGs provide exemption and flexibility for the 104 Australian Government Departments and Agencies under the Financial Management Act (FMA) looking to undertake simple procurement processes from an Australian Disability Enterprise where the procurement represents value for money.**
- **Departments and Agencies which are looking to acquire services or products can consider purchasing from an Australian Disability Enterprise without adhering to the mandatory procurement procedures.**

Benefits of procurement through an Australian Disability Enterprise

- **Increased purchasing from Australian Disability Enterprises will result in improved viability for Australian Disability Enterprises and reduced dependence on Australian Government funding.**
- **By purchasing products and services through an Australian Disability Enterprise, Government Departments and Agencies support sustainable employment for people with disability and enhance their own corporate social responsibility.**

Australian Disability Enterprises

- In November 2008, Parliamentary Secretary, Bill Shorten announced disability business services are now Australian Disability Enterprises.
- In April 2009, a new website – www.australiandisabilityenterprises.com.au was launched.

Future Challenges

- How can Australian Disability Enterprises maximise their opportunities to do business with Government Departments and Agencies?
- How do Government Departments and Agencies optimise efficiencies now available under the revised Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines?

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T6 Australian Disability Enterprises Business Directory

Note: the Directory was tabled in the Senate on 29.10.09 and has not been included in the electronic volume

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Question No: 132

- **Topic:** Targeted community care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

In the Personal Helpers and Mentors Program, the Department has 6,000 people as its goal for the program in 2009-10. At last Estimates, the program had 4,078 people.

How many people does the program currently have in it, or at the last available point in time?

Answer:

PHaMs has assisted 4,975 participants this financial year, including 4,570 active participants and 405 participants who have exited. The 79 Round 3 services are still establishing and are expected to take up their full case loads over the next 9 months. It is envisaged that the 2009-10 target will be met.

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Question No: 133

- **Topic:** Targeted community care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Department is aiming for an overall participation figure of 10,000 people. Does the Department still estimate that this will be achieved by 2012-13, or has this year been revised in light of the current number of people?

Answer:

Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) has assisted 6,603 participants as at 16 September 2009. It is expected that with the rollout of the final round of services PHaMs will assist 10,000 participants by 2012-13.

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Question No: 134

- **Topic:** Targeted community care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Department was about to start its program evaluation process last June. Has a consultant been selected to assist evaluating the program yet? If so, who is the consultant? How long will the evaluation process last and when will the findings be reported?

Answer:

The Evaluation process commenced in June 2009. The consultant is Courage Partners who were selected from FaHCSIA's Social Policy, Research and Evaluation Panel. The Evaluation is expected to be completed in February 2010.

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Question No: 135

- **Topic:** Targeted community care – Mental Health Programs Evaluation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Department said at last Estimates that a figure would be available as to the cost of the evaluation process for this estimates session.

What is the cost of the evaluation process?

Answer:

The total cost for the Mental Health Programs Evaluation is \$357,120 including GST.

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Question No: 136

- **Topic:** Targeted community care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

At last Estimates the Department gave me on notice a list of PHaM sites which were at capacity or near capacity. Would this list have changed since last Estimates? If it has, can the updated list be provided?

What is the Department currently doing to address the issue of sites being near capacity? Is this something that will be considered by the evaluation process?

Answer:

Please refer to the table below for the most recent figures available (16 September 2009). Capacity and nearing capacity is measured as those sites with 45 or more participants.

New South Wales	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	11
Non-metro	7

Queensland	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	4
Non-metro	6

Australian Capital Territory	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	2
Non-metro	0

Victoria	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	8
Non-metro	6

Tasmania	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	0
Non-metro	0

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South Australia	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	4
Non-metro	3

Western Australia	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	1
Non-metro	3

Northern Territory	Capacity or Near Capacity
Metro	1
Non-metro	1

It was always expected that PHaMs would not alone be able to address fully the level of need at a national level. There are estimated to be approximately 53,000 people in Australia who have serious mental illness and complex multi-agency needs.

At full capacity PHaMs can only service 10,000 participants. For this reason, FaHCSIA works with states and territories to provide complementary, additional and coordinated services and a reduced likelihood of service duplication.

Round 3 sites are becoming established and this should address some demand.

The Government is currently considering options to address the issue of sites being at or near capacity.

The evaluation outcomes will also assist the Department to ensure PHaMs services are integrated with state and territory funded services to best meet demand.

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Question No: 137

- **Topic:** Targeted community care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

I note that the sites at or near capacity seem reasonably evenly shared between metro and non metro regions. Is this a reflection that the non-metro sites have less helpers and mentors available than metro areas, as non-metro areas have less of a population to serve?

Answer:

The Personal Helpers and Mentors program has 91 metro sites, 64 non metro sites and 3 remote sites operating as at 31 October 2009.

Thirty four per cent (31 sites) of metro sites are at or near capacity and 41 per cent (26 sites) of non metro sites are at or near capacity.

This reflects the level of demand in metro and non-metro sites.

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Question No: 138

- **Topic:** Targeted community care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Can the Department provide a list of the actual areas of non-metro sites where demand is not being met? How remote are these areas in general?

Answer:

Below is a list of the Personal Helper and Mentors Non-Meto sites where demand is not being met (i.e. service is at capacity). Remoteness has been assessed against the postcodes in each site using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) classification.

State	Round	Organisation	Location	Remoteness
NSW	2	Lambing Flat Enterprises	West Wyalong	Combination of Highly Accessible, Accessible and Moderately Accessible
NSW	2	New Horizons Enterprises Ltd	Tweed/Byron	Highly Accessible
NSW	2	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc	Ulladulla/Shoalhaven	Highly Accessible
QLD	2	Open Minds	Ipswich	Highly Accessible
QLD	1	Ozcare	Sunshine Coast	Combination of Highly Accessible to Accessible
TAS	1	Mission Australia	Launceston	Highly Accessible
VIC	1	The Salvation Army Kardinia Mental Health Services	Barwon	Combination of Accessible and Highly Accessible
WA	1	Community First Inc	Peel and Rockingham/Kwinana	Highly Accessible

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Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) classification.

Accessible: Some restrictions on accessibility of some goods, services and opportunities for social interaction.

Highly Accessible: Relatively unrestricted accessibility to a wide range of goods and services and opportunities for social interaction.

Moderately Accessible: Significantly restricted accessibility of goods, services and opportunities for social interaction.

Remote: Very restricted accessibility of goods, services and opportunities for social interaction.

Very Remote: Locationally disadvantaged - very little accessibility of goods, services and opportunities for social interaction.

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 143

- **Topic:** Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

How many people currently receive Carers Payment?

Answer:

As at 25 September 2009, there were 153,919 people receiving Carer Payment.

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Question No: 144

- **Topic:** Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Please could you provide figures from 1 July 2009 to date for claims and grants (Qtr1) for Carer Payment?

Answer:

As at 25 September 2009, there have been 39,454 claims, with 16,034 grants for Carer Payment.

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Question No: 145

- **Topic:** Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

- a) How many new people have been granted Carer Payment (child) since 1 July 2009?
- b) How many people have claimed for Carer Payment (child) since 1 July 2009?

Answer:

- a) In the period 1 July 2009 to 9 October 2009 there have been 2,145 grants of Carer Payment (child).
- b) In the period 1 July 2009 to 9 October 2009 there have been 4,463 claims for Carer Payment (child).

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Question No: 146

- **Topic:** Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

How many Carer Supplement payments have been made to date?

Answer:

From 16 June to 30 September 2009, 684,358 Carer Supplement payments have been made.

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Question No: 149

- **Topic:** Autism Spectrum Disorder Playgroups

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Were all playgroups open before the end of June 2009?

Answer:

Although fifty (50) PlayConnect Playgroups were projected to be open by the end of June 2009, as at 30 June 2009, we actually achieved fifty-seven (57) PlayConnect Playgroup sites approved by Playgroup Australia. Thirty-six (36) PlayConnect Playgroups met regularly and fourteen (14) were undertaking promotional and enrolment activities.

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 151

- **Topic:** Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Why was the Adelaide opening delayed from June 2009 to August 2009?

Answer:

The Adelaide centre began operation on 29 June 2009 with 15 children enrolled. The “official” launch was held in August 2009.

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Question No: 157

- **Topic:** Early Intervention Assistance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Are the locations provided in Budget Estimates QON 171 still current? Have there been any new service delivery organisations?

Answer:

In response to Budget Estimates QoN 171 there were 417 delivery locations for the approved organisations on the Early Intervention Panel. As at 30 September 2009, this had increased to 547 delivery locations. Approved organisations can deliver services from multiple delivery locations.

The table at **Attachment A** is a list of the locations (State and suburb/town) of the ASD Early Intervention Panel Providers as at 30 September 2009.

Details of street addresses have not been provided as some of the locations are private homes from which the Panel Providers deliver services. Due to privacy concerns, some providers have requested these street addresses not be made public.

A break down of organisation type (ie individual multidisciplinary organisation or a consortium multidisciplinary organisation) is included at **Attachment B**.

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Attachment A

State	Suburb / Town	Total
Australian Capital Territory		
	Cook	1
	Woden	1
	Total ACT	2

State	Suburb / Town	Total
New South Wales		
	Alfords Point	1
	Artarmon	1
	Ashfield	1
	Ballina	2
	Bangalow	2
	Bangor	1
	Bankstown	1
	Bathurst	2
	Baulkam Hills	1
	Beecroft	1
	Belmore	1
	Belrose	1
	Bexley North	1
	Blacktown	3
	Blaxland	1
	Bonnyrigg	1
	Bowral	1
	Brookvale	6
	Campbelltown	1
	Caringbah	1
	Casino	1
	Chatswood	2
	Cherrybrook	1
	Clovelly	1
	Coffs Harbour	2
	Concord	1
	Condell Park	1
	Cootamundra	1
	Corrimal	1
	Croydon	2
	Dapto	1
	Dubbo	2
	East Ballina	1
	East Lismore	1
	Engadine	2

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State	Suburb / Town	Total
New South Wales		
	Fairfield	1
	Forbes	2
	Forestville	1
	Frenchs Forest	2
	Gladesville	1
	Gordon	2
	Grafton	2
	Granville	1
	Hazelbrook	1
	Hobartville	1
	Homebush	1
	Hornsby	1
	Illawong	1
	Illawong	1
	Katoomba	2
	Kingswood	1
	Kogarah	1
	Kurri Kurri	1
	Lakemba	1
	Lane Cove	1
	Leichhardt	1
	Leumeah	1
	Lindfield	4
	Liverpool	5
	Macksville	1
	Maquarie University	1
	Marrickville	1
	Menai	1
	Miller	2
	Miranda	2
	Moree	1
	Mortdale	1
	Moss Vale	1
	Myocum	1
	Narrandera	1
	North Parramatta	1
	North Ryde	4
	North Sydney	1
	Northbridge	1
	Oatley	1
	Ocean Shores	1
	Orange	1

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State	Suburb / Town	Total
New South Wales		
	Panania	1
	Peakhurst	2
	Penrith	4
	Penshurst	1
	Prairiewood	1
	Prospect	1
	Putney	1
	Pymble	1
	Queanbeyan	3
	Randwick	2
	Redfern	1
	Rockdale	1
	Rosehill	1
	Roselands	1
	Roseville	3
	Rossmore	1
	San Souci	1
	Seven Hills	1
	Shortland	1
	Singleton	1
	South Grafton	1
	South Penrith	2
	St Leonards	1
	St Marys	1
	Suffolk Park	1
	Sydney	3
	Tamworth	2
	Taree	1
	Terranora	1
	Terrigal	1
	Tumut	1
	Tuncurry	1
	Turramurra	1
	Tweed Heads	1
	Upper Corindi	1
	Wagga Wagga	4
	Wahroonga	1
	Waverley	3
	Wetherill Park	1
	Woollahra	3
	Young	1
	Total NSW	170

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Queensland		
	Arundel	1
	Bray Park	1
	Brighton	1
	Burleigh Heads	1
	Cairns	1
	Calen	1
	Dalby	2
	Edmonton	1
	Eimeo	1
	Fortitude Valley	1
	Gaven	1
	Goondiwindi	5
	Hervey Bay	2
	Kirwan	1
	Mackay	4
	Maryborough	1
	Moorooka	1
	Nerang	1
	Newmarket	1
	North Rockhampton	1
	Paget	1
	Parkridge	1
	Parkwood	1
	Rockhamptom	1
	Southport	1
	Stanthorpe	1
	Sunnybank Hills	1
	Toowoomba	3
	Walkerston	1
	West Burleigh	1
	Total Queensland	41

State	Suburb / Town	Total
South Australia		
	Blackwood	1
	Magill	1
	Netley	1
	Parafield Gardens	1
	Port Augusta	2
	Prospect	1
	Regency Park	1

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South Australia		
	Rose Park	1
	Valley View	1
	Wayville	1
	West Hindmarsh	1
	Williamstown	1
Total South Australia		13

State	Suburb/Town	Total
Tasmania		
	Bellerive	1
	Deloraine	1
	Hobart	2
	Howden	1
	Huonville	1
	Launceston	2
	Margate	1
	North Hobart	1
	Old Beach	1
	Queenstown	1
	Richmond	1
	Sandy Bay	2
	West Hobart	2
	Westbury	1
Total Tasmania		18

State	Suburb / Town	Total
Western Australia		
	Balcatta	1
	Bateman	1
	Bentley	1
	Booragoon	1
	Cloverdale	1
	Como	1
	Cunderdin	1
	Dianella	3
	East Butler	1
	East Fremantle	1
	Floreat	2
	Joondalup	4
	Kwinana	1
	Leeming	1
	Mount Lawley	1

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Western Australia		
	Nedlands	1
	Ocean Reef	1
	Osborne Park	3
	Roleystone	1
	Safety Bay	1
	Shenton Park	1
	Subiaco	2
	Tuart Hill	2
	West Leederville	1
	West Perth	1
	Woodvale	1
Total Western Australia		36

State	Suburb / Town	Total
Victoria		
	Albanvale	1
	Altona North	1
	Armadale	1
	Ascot Vale	1
	Ashburton	1
	Ashwood	2
	Aspendale	1
	Bairnsdale	1
	Ballarat	2
	Balwyn	1
	Bayswater	1
	Bayswater North	1
	Beaumaris	3
	Benalla	1
	Bendigo	3
	Bentleigh	3
	Berwick	1
	Blackburn South	2
	Box Hill	2
	Box Hill South	1
	Brighton	4
	Broadmeadows	2
	Brooklyn	1
	Brunswick	2
	Brunswick	1
	Brunswick West	1
	Bundoora	1

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State	Suburb / Town	Total
Victoria		
	Camberwell	5
	Canterbury	1
	Caroline Springs	1
	Caulfield South	1
	Clayton	3
	Coburg	1
	Drouin	1
	East Brunswick	2
	Endeavour Hills	1
	Essendon	1
	Essendon	1
	Ferntree Gully	1
	Frankston North	3
	Geelong	1
	Geelong	1
	Geelong West	1
	Gladstone Park	1
	Glen Iris	1
	Glen Waverley	1
	Glenroy	4
	Greensborough	4
	Grovedale	1
	Hamilton	1
	Hastings	2
	Healesville	1
	Heatherton	1
	Heidelberg	1
	Heidelberg Heights	2
	Highett	1
	Hoppers Crossing	2
	Horsham	1
	Kangaroo Flat	1
	Keilor Downs	1
	Kensington	1
	Kew	2
	Kialla	1
	Mansfield	2
	Maribyrnong	1
	Melbourne	1
	Mildura	4
	Mill Park	1
	Mitcham	2

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Victoria		
	Mont Albert	2
	Moorabbin	1
	Mornington	12
	Morwell	1
	Mount Eliza	1
	Mt. Eliza	1
	Narre Warren	2
	Newton	1
	Noble Park	2
	North Carlton	2
	Ormond	1
	Pakenham	2
	Parkdale	1
	Pascoe Vale	2
	Portland	1
	Richmond	1
	Ringwood	1
	Ringwood East	1
	Rosebud	1
	Seymour	1
	Somerville	1
	South Caulfield	1
	Springvale	2
	Surrey Hills	1
	Swan Hill	1
	The Patch	1
	Thornbury	1
	Tootgarook	1
	Trafalgar	1
	Wangaratta	2
	Wantirna	1
	Warragul	2
	Warrnambool	1
	Waterways	1
	Windsor	1
	Wodonga	1
	Wonthaggi	1
	Woodend	1
	Total Victoria	166

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State	Org Type	Trading Name
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Accent Rehabilitation Service
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Talking Heads Speech Pathology</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Annie's Centre Pty Ltd
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	AMR Therapy Centre Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Sydney Child Development Centre</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>QUICKSTEPZ: Occupational Therapy</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Opening Doors Occupational Therapy</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>North Psych Roseville</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Aspire Early Intervention Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Handy Kids Occupational Therapy</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Speak-a-boo! Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Rachael McGregor</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Katherine Wassef Santiago</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Autism Connections Incorporated
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Family Connections Sydney Woodward</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Family Connections Sydney Ponce</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Attune Relate Connect</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Autism Intervention Services</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Concepts Psychological Consultants</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Northern Sydney Autism Centre</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Natalie Stone Speech Pathologist</i>

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NSW	Individual Organisation	Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)
NSW	Individual Organisation	Bathurst Early Childhood Intervention Service
NSW	Individual Organisation	Bridges for Learning
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Byron Shire Early Childhood Intervention Service
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Ballina Early Intervention</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Emily Armstrong - Speech Pathologist</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Claudia Rueckher - Occupational Therapist</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Elizabeth Brownlie - Speech Pathologist</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Kathryn Daniels - Speech Pathologist</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Center for Autism & Related Disorders (C.A.R.D.)
NSW	Individual Organisation	Child First
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Click Speech & Occupational Therapy
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Spectrum Educational Consulting</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Taryn Kessler</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Sunflower Austim Consulting Services</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Community Programs Incorporated
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Tracey Ellaby Speech and Language Pathologist</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Jenny Carter-Swain</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Connect Child & Family Services Inc
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Belinda Hill & Associates Speech Pathologists</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Skills for Kids</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Chatterbox Speech Pathology</i>

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	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Medcalf and Wolf Speech Pathology Service</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Julie Basle</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Lynette Mason</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Peta Walzak</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Mobile Paediatric Occupational Therapy</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Connect Therapy
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Lauren Cleary</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Disability Services Australia
NSW	Individual Organisation	Early Childhood Intervention Program Coffs Harbour
NSW	Individual Organisation	Early Education Inc
NSW	Individual Organisation	House With No Steps Western NSW
NSW	Individual Organisation	Hunter Prelude Early Childhood Intervention Centre
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	John Blythe Child Psychology
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Blacktown Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>OT For Kids</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Jumbunna Community Preschool and Early Intervention Centre
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Kids First (Children's Services)
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Occupational Therapy for Kids</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Psych Logic</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Carissa Louwen - Sydney Speech Pathology</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Kids World: Paediatric Occupational Therapy Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium</i>	<i>Express Yourself Speech Pathology Pty Ltd</i>

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	<i>Member</i>	
NSW	Individual Organisation	Koorana Child and Family Centre
NSW	Individual Organisation	Kurrajong Early Intervention Service
NSW	Individual Organisation	Learning Links
NSW	Individual Organisation	Lifestart Co-operative Limited
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Lindfield Speech Pathology and Learning Centre
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Rebecca Dunn Psychologist</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Dr Shan Ong</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Occupational Therapy Helping Children</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Lizard Children's Centre Pty Ltd
NSW	Individual Organisation	Manning & Great Lakes Early Intervention Inc
NSW	Individual Organisation	Mission Australia
NSW	Individual Organisation	Nambucca Valley Children's Group Inc.
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Neurocognitive Centre
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Kickstart Kids Therapy</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Northcott Disability Services
NSW	Individual Organisation	Orana Early Childhood Intervention
NSW	Individual Organisation	Orange District Early Education Program
NSW	Individual Organisation	Parks Clinic
NSW	Individual Organisation	Pathways Early Childhood Intervention Inc
NSW	Individual Organisation	Psychmatters
NSW	Consortium Lead	Queanbeyan Children's Special Needs Group

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	Agency	
	Consortium Member	<i>Full Circle Psychology Services</i>
	Consortium Member	<i>Sheila Norman Childrens Occupational Therapist</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Quirky Kid
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	SDN Children's Services
	Consortium Member	<i>Wayne Zahra</i>
	Consortium Member	<i>The Sensory Gym</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Sensational Kids OT
	Consortium Member	<i>Southern Sydney Speech, Language & Learning Clinic</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	St Anthony's Family Care
	Consortium Member	<i>STaR Inclusive Early Childhood Association Inc.</i>
	Consortium Member	<i>Heather Craven</i>
	Consortium Member	<i>Easing into Academics (EASIA)</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	STaR Association
	Consortium Member	<i>Autism Central</i>
	Consortium Member	<i>Easing into Academics (EASIA)</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	Stepping Stones Early Learning Ltd
NSW	Individual Organisation	Summerland Early Intervention Programme
NSW	Individual Organisation	Sydney Paediatrics
NSW	Consortium Lead Agency	Sylvanvale Foundation
	Consortium Member	<i>Wellbeing Clinic</i>
	Consortium Member	<i>Heathdene Preschool</i>
NSW	Consortium Lead	Talking in Steps Pty Ltd

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	Agency	
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Handy Kids Occupational Therapy</i>
NSW	Individual Organisation	The Infants' Home Child and Family Services
NSW	Individual Organisation	Tweed Valley Early Childhood Intervention Service Inc
NSW	Individual Organisation	Young and District Early Intervention
QLD	Individual Organisation	AEIOU - for children with autism
QLD	Individual Organisation	Autism Queensland
QLD	Consortium Lead Agency	Blue Care
	Consortium Lead Agency	Mackay Galaxy Project
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Occumax</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Linda Sandes Speech Pathologist</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Speech Pathology Mackay</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Literacy and Speech Language Pathology Services</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Tatiana Keefer Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Mackay Psychological Services</i>
QLD	Consortium Lead Agency	Dr Pamela Seaton & Associates
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Liz Forbes Occupational Therapy</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Nina Valentine</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Talkabout Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Melissa Peach</i>
QLD	Individual Organisation	Granite Belt Support Services Inc
QLD	Consortium Lead Agency	Little Souls Taking Big Steps

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	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Mary Hughes Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Adele Suda</i>
QLD	Consortium Lead Agency	Shane McColl Occupational Therapy Services
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Jennifer Morgan Speech Pathologist</i>
QLD	Consortium Lead Agency	Speech Language Solutions
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Fraser Coast OT for Kids</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Insight Clinical Psychology and Counselling</i>
SA	Consortium Lead Agency	Autism SA
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Headstart Intervention Services</i>
SA	Consortium Lead Agency	Key Early Years Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Anna Marion Pearce - Optimal Lifestyle Network</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Dyanna Smith-McCue - Optimal Lifestyle Network</i>
SA	Individual Organisation	Novita Childrens' Services
SA	Consortium Lead Agency	Spencer Gulf Paediatric Care Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>DK Pschology</i>
SA	Consortium Lead Agency	Talk Speech Pathology, Training & Resources Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Write Interventions</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Karen Jones</i>
TAS	Individual Organisation	Giant Steps Tasmania
TAS	Consortium Lead Agency	Speech Pathology Tasmania
	<i>Consortium</i>	<i>Independent kids</i>

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	<i>Member</i>	
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Sari O'Meagher</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Sherry Edwards</i>
TAS	Individual Organisation	St Giles Society Inc
TAS	Consortium Lead Agency	TLC Psychology Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Hobart Speech Pathology service</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Michelle Nissen</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Katrina Bock</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Independent Kids</i>
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	AES
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Therapy, Learning & Communication - North</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Corene Wainstein</i>
WA	Individual Organisation	Autism Association of Western Australia (Inc).
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Therapy, Learning & Communication - North
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Therapy, Learning & Communication-Central</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Elizabeth Terry</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Catherine Greenway</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Contextual Psychology Services</i>
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Friends of Autism
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Perth Integrated Health Clinic</i>
WA	Individual Organisation	ISADD
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Kathy Ziatas Speech Pathology (Is for Autism)

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	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Skillbuilders</i>
WA	Individual Organisation	Kids Are Kids! Therapy & Education Centre Inc
WA	Individual Organisation	Learn Australia Pty Ltd
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Learning Tree Therapy Centre
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Ann Nunn Speech and Language Pathology Service</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Sensory Connections Occupational Therapy Services</i>
WA	Individual Organisation	Next Challenge
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Step Ahead Speech, Language and Literacy Services Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Wendy J Britten Pty Ltd</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Corene Wainstein</i>
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Stirling Speech Pathology and Allied Services
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Dr Dawn Barrett</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Autism Relationship Communication & Development Service</i>
WA	Individual Organisation	Therapy Focus
WA	Consortium Lead Agency	Therapy, Learning & Communication - North
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Elizabeth Terry</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Catherine Greenway</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Contextual Psychology Services</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	A Spectrum of Psychological Services
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Kasia Kiernakowski</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Christina Fersterer</i>

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	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Maria Kouspos</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	ABA Materials Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Spring into Action</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Speak.Learn.Communicate</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Abacus Learning Centre
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Merae Atkin</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Speech Concepts</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Autism Action
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Jumpstart</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Autism Partnership Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Therapy Matters</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Kids & Co.</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Spectrum Speech Pathology Services</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Kids Therapy Network Pty Ltd</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Bendigo Community Health Services Inc
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Beyond Autism
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Caths Children & Adolescent Therapy Services</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Biala Peninsula Inc.
VIC	Individual Organisation	Broad Insight Group Inc
VIC	Individual Organisation	Chatterbox Autism Therapy Services
VIC	Individual Organisation	Clear Messages Pty Ltd
VIC	Consortium Lead	Connect and Relate for Autism Inc

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	Agency	
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Renee Meyer</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Connecting Autism- Relationship Development</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>ASD Life Quality Connections</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Reliez Autism Services</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Autism Relationship & Comm. Development Service</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Creative Steps Pty Ltd
VIC	Individual Organisation	E.M Barber and D Proudfoot
VIC	Individual Organisation	Eastern Access Community Health Inc
VIC	Individual Organisation	Education Program for Infants and Children Inc
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Engaging Children Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Annette Mutimer</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Nicole Denton</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Faculty of Education, Monash University
VIC	Individual Organisation	Gateways Support Services Inc
VIC	Individual Organisation	Illoura Early Childhood Intervention Services Inc
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Integrated Education & Communication
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Speech4Kids Pty Ltd</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Irabina Childhood Autism Services
VIC	Individual Organisation	Kalparrin
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Leaps & Bounds Specialist Centre
	<i>Consortium</i>	<i>Smiles-All-Round</i>

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VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Learning for Life Autism Centre
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Spectrum Speech Pathology Services</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Autism Behavioural Intervention Association</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Vic ABA Providers</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Lewis & Lewis Australia Pty Ltd
VIC	Individual Organisation	Mallee Family Care Mildura Early Intervention Service
VIC	Individual Organisation	Mansfield Autism Statewide Services
VIC	Individual Organisation	Melbourne Citymission Inc
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Melbourne Occupational Therapy Associates
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Northern Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Richard Eisenmajer</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Melvin Speech Pathology
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Dr Carly Ymer</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Mildura Kids Clinic Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Megan Dalla Santa Occupational Therapy</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Wendy Leane Psychology & Counselling Services</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Monash University (Centre for Developmental Psychiatry and Psychology)
VIC	Individual Organisation	Merri Community
VIC	Individual Organisation	Mpower Inc
VIC	Individual Organisation	Noah's Ark Inc
VIC	Individual Organisation	Norparrin Centre for Children with Special Needs Inc

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VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Peninsula Speech Pathology Services
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Adaptive Abilities</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Pinarc Support Services
VIC	Individual Organisation	Scope
VIC	Individual Organisation	Sensational Kids
VIC	Individual Organisation	Smart Start Australia
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Spectrum House Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Leapfrog Therapy Services</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Speech4Kids Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Sprout Paediatric Therapy Services Pty Ltd</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Gabrielle Hill</i>
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	Sprout Paediatric Therapy Services Pty Ltd
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Jacqueline Amos</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Chatterbugs</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Gabrielle Hill</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Elizabeth Barker Speech Pathology Services</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Communicate It</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Breakthrough Speech Pathology</i>
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Living Calm</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Villa Maria Society
VIC	Consortium Lead Agency	WECAN Inc.
	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Gilead Downs Thereapy Centre</i>

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	<i>Consortium Member</i>	<i>Occupational Therapy Innovations</i>
VIC	Individual Organisation	Windermere Child and Family Services
VIC	Individual Organisation	Yooralla

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 164

- **Topic:** DSP Recipients

Hansard Page: CA109

Senator Fifield asked:

Do you have a figure showing how many DSP recipients have a legal guardian? Secondly, how many per year of those DSP recipients who have a legal guardian would move overseas and lose their pension as a result of staying overseas for more than 13 weeks?

Answer:

1. No – Centrelink does not collect information regarding a customer's legal guardian.
2. Data is not available.

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Question No: 139

- **Topic:** Autism

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Williams asked:

Does FaHCSIA accept reports from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) that show most people with an autism spectrum disorder have severe or profound disability?

Answer:

According to the 2003 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, an estimated 30,000 people had autism as a health condition (cited in AIHW publication Disability Support Services 2005-06). Of these, 24,100 (80%) also reported a severe or profound core activity limitation. This equates to a prevalence rate of 0.1% of the Australian population.

Based on this data it seems that most people with an autism spectrum disorder could be described as having severe or profound disability at a given point in time, as a severe or profound core activity limitation corresponds to a severe or profound disability.

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 140

- **Topic:** Autism

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Williams asked:

Does the data collected in association with the Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Agreement show that fewer than half the people who are severely or profoundly disabled by their autism spectrum disorders receive any disability service at all as a result of this agreement?

Answer:

According to the 2003 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, an estimated 24,100 people with autism reported a profound or severe core activity limitation. AIHW data shows that in 2005-06 there were 15,272 CSTDA service users who reported autism as either a primary or other significant disability and who had a profound or severe core activity limitation. Based on these data, 63 per cent of people with autism who had a profound or severe core activity limitation used a CSTDA service. However, given that this information is extracted from different data sources using different methodologies and timeframes, caution should be used in drawing conclusions.

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 141

- **Topic:** Autism

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Williams asked:

Are people with autism spectrum disorders, people who really need appropriate disability services, getting any service at all through the Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Agreement? If not, why not?

Answer:

The percentage and number of CSTDA service users reporting Autism as their primary disability group has grown from 4.8 percent in 2003-04 (or 8,249 users) to 6.4 percent (or 13,308 users) in 2006-07.

Data from the 2006-07 CSTDA shows there were 21,195 CSTDA service users who reported autism as either a primary (13,308) or an 'other significant' (7,887) disability group.

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 142

- **Topic:** Autism

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Williams asked:

By definition all autism spectrum disorders involve “severe and pervasive impairment”, yet only two of these disorders (Autistic Disorder and Asperger’s Disorder) qualify automatically for Carer’s Allowance. The Government decided that the third autism spectrum disorder, called Pervasive Developmental Disorder not otherwise specified or PDD-NOS, does not qualify automatically for Carer’s Allowance. Could you explain the reasoning behind this?

Answer:

Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD-NOS) is considered the least severe form of ASD. Whilst children diagnosed with PDD-NOS still require targeted support and early intervention services, there is no indication that their care needs would meet the daily care and attention requirements, in all cases, to automatically qualify for Carer Allowance. The List of Recognised Disabilities (LoRD) does not include Pervasive Developmental Disorder as it is considered the broad level of the spectrum disorder varies considerably from child to child.

A carer of a child who suffers from PDD-NOS can test their eligibility for Carer Allowance. However they must be assessed using the Child Disability Assessment Tool (CDAT). The tool measures the severity of disability by assessing whether the child functions according to standards appropriate to their age in a series of functional categories. Additionally, behaviour is taken into account where it is significantly affected by the disability along with special care needs. The CDAT is not aimed at specific disabilities, medical conditions or particular age groups.

The LoRD and the CDAT were developed in consultation with peak disability and carer organisations and with specialists in childhood disability from a range of medical and allied health professional backgrounds.

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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 147

- **Topic:** Extension of Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

1. Why was the application process delayed from June/July 2009 to August/September 2009?
2. When will the extra places now commence?
3. How many applications were received for the additional places?

Answer:

1. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs introduced a range of reforms aimed at streamlining program documentation and reducing red tape for service providers in June/July 2009. Aligning the selection documentation with these reforms caused the delay.
2. Holiday care places are expected to start rolling out progressively from the 2009 Christmas school holidays with full services available in the first term break. After school places should be available in term one 2010.
3. The Department received 76 applications.

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Question No: 148

- **Topic:** Extension of Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

1. Has a decision been made as to who will be receiving the additional funding?
2. When will successful applicants be notified?

Answer:

1. No, the Department is currently finalising the selection report.
2. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as the delegate has approved the recommended applicants and funding. This is expected to occur in early December.

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Question No: 152

- **Topic:** Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

How many children are attending the Adelaide centre? Does the Adelaide centre have a waiting list, and how many people are on it?

Answer:

As at 10 November 2009, 25 children are currently attending the Adelaide Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres. The Centre does not yet have a waiting list.

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- **Topic:** Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres (ASELCC)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

What is the status of other centres scheduled to be opened around Australia?

Answer:

The Melbourne Centre - *La Trobe University Margot Prior ASELCC* in Bundoora and the South West Sydney Centre - *KU Marcia Burgess ASELCC* in Liverpool have begun building construction and will be operational by 30 June 2010.

The Brisbane Centre - *The Queensland ASELCC - AEIOU for Children with Autism* and the Perth Centre - *The Autism Association (WA) Jellybeans ASELCC* have commenced building construction and will be operational by February 2010.

The preferred service provider for the North West Tasmania Centre, Burnie City Council, has been announced and the Centre will be operational by 30 June 2010.

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Question No: 154

- **Topic:** Autism Advisors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Could you provide an update on how many advisers there are in each state? Please provide the locations of Advisers?

Answer:

The state and territory Autism Associations have developed the Autism Advisor Program to reflect the needs of families living in geographically diverse locations including outer regional and remote areas.

As at 30 September 2009:

State/Territory	No. of full time equivalent AAs	Regional Coverage
ACT	1.3	Advisors are located in Weston and cover all areas of the ACT.
NSW	8	Seven Advisors are located in Sydney and are allocated to specific metropolitan and regional areas, and one Advisor is located on the Far North Coast to support high demand in that region.
NT	1	Advisor located in Darwin with responsibility for whole of NT.
Queensland	6	Advisors are located throughout Queensland including - Cairns, Rockhampton, Sunnybank and Brighton. Advisors are allocated responsibility for specific areas throughout Queensland.
South Australia	4	Advisors are located in Adelaide with allocated metropolitan and regional areas of responsibility.

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Tasmania	2	Advisors are located in Launceston and Hobart and provide outreach services to specific regional areas based on Tasmanian State Government regions.
Victoria	6	Advisors are located in Melbourne and provide outreach services to metropolitan and regional areas based on Victorian State Government regions.
Western Australia	4	Advisors are located in Perth and provide outreach services to specific regional areas based on WA State Government regions.
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- **Topic:** Autism Advisors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Please provide the number of people on the waiting list to see Advisers in each State & Territory.

Answer:

As at 30 September 2009 there were 46 children across Australia (i.e. 0.8% of the total number of children accessing a service) waiting to see an Advisor, with the majority of these families in Victoria. On average families are accessing the Advisor service within a few days except in Victoria where demand has been significantly higher than first anticipated. The majority of the 46 families identified on waiting lists are waiting for documentation such as written diagnosis prior to attending an appointment with the Advisor.

State/Territory	No. of children who have been assisted by an AA*	Waiting list numbers to see an AA
ACT	79	0
NSW	1,880	3
NT	40	0
QLD	799	8
SA	464	0
TAS	111	3
VIC	1,766	26
WA	539	6
NATIONAL TOTAL	5,678	46

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Question No: 158

- **Topic:** Early Intervention Funding

Hansard Page: Written

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4 **Senator Fifield** asked:

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- a. Funding can now be accessed until the child's 7th birthday?
- b. Under the previous arrangements, how many autism advisors used their discretion for the funding to be accessed to the age of 7?
- c. Do Autism Advisors have the discretion to allow for funding to be accessed beyond the age of 7?

Answer:

- a. To be eligible for the Early Intervention funding package a child must have been seen by an Autism Advisor and deemed eligible to access the program before their 6th birthday. The \$12,000 in funding under the early intervention component can be used until the child's 7th birthday to a maximum of \$6,000 per financial year. All eligible children will only have access up to a maximum of \$12,000 funding (\$6,000 funding per financial year) irrespective of any extended timeframes.

For children whose 6th birthday is between 27 October 2008 and 18 October 2009 special consideration provisions have been implemented to enable them to have access to the early intervention funding for one calendar year from 19 October 2009 to 18 October 2010. They will have a maximum of up to \$6,000 to use within this year of eligibility. No child will exceed the \$12,000 limit. This provision will end on the 18 October 2010.

- b. Special consideration was only granted in **exceptional** circumstances, to 6 year old children to allow expenditure of their funds until their 7th birthday. The key outcome of the special consideration provision was to increase the child's ability to transition to full-time attendance at school. In total 125 children were granted special consideration under the previous eligibility criteria.
- c. No advisors have discretion to allow for funding to be accessed beyond the age of seven.

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Question No: 159

- **Topic:** Early Intervention Funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Please provide the average amount parents are paying on top of their HCWA funding for services?

Answer:

The Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) package provides a contribution to assist with the costs of early intervention. Families may also avail themselves of the HCWA Medicare items. As families choose interventions that best suit their child the Department does not have access to information about additional outlays by parents.

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Question No: 160

- **Topic:** Autism

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Has the department received options from the AABASD (Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders) for the operation of a National ASD Register? Will the Register be implemented and supported from within FaHCSIA? Who will maintain and update the Register? What data will be collected on the Register? Who will have access to the register? What is the proposed date to begin the Register?

Answer:

The department has received options from the AABASD (Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders) for the operation of a National ASD Register.

The detailed options for the operation of the Register are currently being considered by government.

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Question No: 162

- **Topic:** Disability and Carers

Hansard Page: CA97

Senator Boyce asked:

How many of those disability support pensioners between 16 and 21 had dependent children or how many did not have dependent children?

Answer:

No Dependent children	Dependent Children	Total
24 129	270	24 399

Information was sourced from Centrelink Administrative data as at 30 October 2009. The numbers of dependent children are derived from those in receipt of Family Tax Benefit for the child/ren.

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Question No: 163

- **Topic:** Special Disability Trusts – Legislative Amendments

Hansard Page: CA105

Senator Siewert asked:

What is the time line for the legislative amendments that were proposed?

Answer:

Treasury has advised draft legislation and an accompanying explanatory memorandum will be released for public consultation before the end of the year. Following this consultation process it is anticipated that the necessary amendments to give effect to the changes announced in the 2009-10 Budget will be introduced into Parliament in the Autumn sittings of 2010.

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Question No: 150

- **Topic:** Autism Spectrum Disorder Playgroups

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

QON # 174, as at 12 June, there were 214 children attending 40 playgroups.

How many children are currently attending the playgroups?

Could a breakdown be provided of how many children attend each playgroup?

Answer:

As at 30 September 2009, there were 477 children attending 52 playgroups.

A table detailing the number of children attending each PlayConnect Playgroup in the reporting period from 1 July to 30 September 2009 is at **Attachment A**.

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Attachment A

Total Number of Children attending 52 PlayConnect Playgroups
(01 July - 30 September 2009)

Playgroup Location	Attendance Number of Children*
ACT	
Gungahlin	14
Weston	6
TOTAL - ACT	20
NSW	
Campbelltown	8
Blacktown	13
Wagga Wagga	5
Coffs Harbour	5
Liverpool	9
Canterbury	3
Medowie	3
Wollongong	11
Albion Park	3
Marrickville	9
Albury	5
Orange	8
Hamilton South	6
Metford	6
TOTAL - NSW	94
NT	
Darwin	18
TOTAL - NT	18
QLD	
Cairns	24
Mackay	19
Rockhampton	1
Nerang	9
Thuringowa-Townsville	15
Ipswich	7
Redland Bay	12
Narangba	10
TOTAL - QLD	97

Gawler	6
Victor Harbour	6
TOTAL - SA	49
TAS	
Launceston	3
TOTAL - TAS	3
VIC	
Laverton	10
Bundoora	5
Maribyrnong	12
Box Hill South	20
Sunshine	15
Hoppers Crossing	18
Mildura	10
Port Melbourne	3
Echuca	6
Wonthaggi	11
Glen Waverley	10
Bendigo	4
Thornbury	12
Lakes Entrance	9
Brighton	7
TOTAL - VIC	152
WA	
Heathridge	14
Mandurah	9
Tuart Hill	6
North Perth	6
Midvale	9
TOTAL - WA	44
TOTAL - NATIONAL	477

* This is the number of children registered to attend and attendance may vary from session to session and over time

SA	
Tea Tree Gully	5
Enfield	11
Findon	13
Mount Barker	8

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Question No: 155

- **Topic:** Autism Advisors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Have any advisers left their positions and been replaced?

Answer:

Since 27 October 2008, 15 Advisors have left their positions across Australia. These positions have all been filled with appropriately skilled and experienced Advisors.

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T2 Individual interviews (24 individuals) [relating to EOWA review]

Employer groups

- Judith van Unen (COSBOA)
- Daniel Mammone and David Gregory (ACCI)
- Garry Brack (CEO of AFEI)
- Samantha Edwards (AIG)

Employers

- Catherine Harris (Harris Farm Markets)
- Dr Alex Birrell (ATP Innovations)
- Guy Russo (Kmart)
- Ann Sherry (Carnival Australia)

Unions

- Cath Bowtell and Belinda Tkalcevic (ACTU)
- Louise Tarrant (LHMU)

Academics

- Dr Graeme Russell (Consultant researcher)
- Professor Mark Wooden (University of Melbourne)
- Marian Baird (University of Sydney)

EEO practitioner associations

- Juliet Bourke (EEONA)
- Nareen Young (DCA)*

Women's organisations

- Samiro Douglas (Security 4 Women)

Government

- Nicholas Wilson (Fair Work Ombudsman)
- Elizabeth Broderick (Sex Discrimination Commissioner)
- Amanda Mostyn (ASX)

Other experts

- Chris Ronalds (barrister)
- Phillippa Hall (Pay and Employment Equity Unit, Department of Labour, New Zealand)
- Susan Halliday (VIT)

* Interview yet to be held/scheduled as she has been on leave

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T3 Respectful Relationships Phase Two – Summary Information – October 2009

Provider	Project Description	Locations - Timelines	Funding Amount and No of Youth	Time Period
National Rugby League	<p>The University of New South Wales is working with the University of Western Sydney to implement the <i>Sex and Ethics</i> program with sub-elite rugby league players in Queensland (under 16's and under 18's squads).</p> <p>The program will work with approximately 60 young people and 12 educators within the Brisbane Broncos and the Gold Coast Titans National Rugby League sub-elite squads.</p> <p>The program aims to increase the capacity of the young men who take part in the program to negotiate ethical and respectful intimate relationships, and to increase their knowledge of sexual assault and provide skills to prevent it within dating contexts.</p>	<p>2 sites in Queensland</p> <p>Brisbane</p> <p>Gold Coast</p> <p>12 educators have been identified and training will commence in November 2009. 5 groups of 12 young men have been recruited to attend training over six sessions in December 2009 and January 2010 following the five day educator training. Educators will be debriefed following the final sessions.</p>	<p>\$102,000</p> <p>Approximately 60 young people and 12 educators.</p>	One year (2009-10)
Latrobe University	<p>Latrobe University in Melbourne is developing and delivering a peer led primary prevention program for young people with cognitive or intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>When developed, the program will focus on supporting young people with an intellectual disability to learn about values, attitudes, safety and rights in the context of respectful relationships.</p> <p>It will operate in 3 sites in Victoria and 2 sites in Tasmania and will reach approximately 65 young people. The program will also explore the effectiveness of the delivery of sexual assault prevention training for people with intellectual disabilities by peer educators.</p>	<p>3 sites in Victoria</p> <p>2 sites in Tasmania</p> <p>Program Development including consultation with stakeholders, development of partnership with Women with Disabilities (WWDA) and establishment of critical reference group commenced September 2009. Development of theoretical and practical framework has commenced.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p> <p>Approximately 65 young people and peer educators who are young people with intellectual disabilities.</p>	Two years (2008-09 – 2009-10)
University of Western Sydney	<p>The University of Western Sydney is implementing <i>Sex and Ethics</i> – a program based on international best practice to increase the capacity of young people to negotiate respectful relationships and increase their capacity to understand and prevent sexual assault.</p> <p>It is operating in 4 sites in New South</p>	<p>4 sites in New South Wales</p> <p>University of New England</p> <p>Wollondilly Outer Sydney</p> <p>Sydney</p> <p>Central Coast</p>	<p>\$300,000</p> <p>Approximately 70 young people and 16 educators.</p>	One year (2009-10)

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	<p>Wales – Sydney and Central Coast. The program focuses on educating young people in youth settings and universities.</p> <p>The program will reach approximately 70 young people and 16 educators.</p>	<p>5 day train the educators training completed 6 week groups completed UNE, Sydney men and women's' groups and Wollondilly. Issues recruiting participants in Central Coast and Wollondilly led to delays.</p>		
SA Dept of Education and Children's Services	<p>The South Australian government is partnering with the Australian Government to undertake an independent review of their <i>Keeping Safe</i> program.</p> <p><i>Keeping Safe</i> is an in-school program currently implemented in all South Australian schools and is aimed at increasing young people's capacity to negotiate ethical relationships; to identify dangerous behaviour; and to put in place protective strategies.</p>	<p>All Schools in South Australia</p> <p>A planning meeting to establish the parameters of the evaluation occurred on 22 September 2009, attended by FaHCSIA staff. An independent evaluator will be engaged.</p>	\$120,000	One year (2009-10)
NT Dept of Education and Training	<p>The Northern Territory Department of Education has been funded to implement the South Australian government <i>Keeping Safe</i> program in 40 schools in the NT. The program contextualises the <i>Keeping Safe</i> material to the NT environment</p> <p>This program is complemented by the Strategies for Managing Abuse Related Trauma (SMART) program which aims to develop the capacity of teachers to work with children who have been affected by abuse and trauma.</p> <p>The program is being rolled out in a mix of geographical areas. 35 remote and 5 urban.</p>	<p>40 sites in Northern Territory – mix of mainstream and remote</p> <p>Confirmation of prospective schools and draft list provided to FaHCSIA. DET is working with the South Australian Government to access the curriculum materials. Training to commence October 2009.</p>	<p>\$300,000 (Plibersek) \$485,000 (Macklin)</p> <p>Approximately 2000 student's state wide.</p>	One year (2009-10)
WA Dept of Health, Dept of Education	<p>The Western Australian government has agreed to implement Respectful Relationships education programs in three remote schools, reaching approximately 60 students and 10 educators.</p> <p>The Australian Government has engaged a specialist agency to undertake consultations to customise programs for the selected sites.</p> <p>The programs will build on a range of state government alcohol management</p>	<p>Up to 3 remote schools in Western Australia – <i>2009/10 financial year</i></p> <p>Proposed sites: Fitzroy Crossing Halls Creek Oombulgurri</p> <p>Shine SA has held consultations in the Kimberley region of Western Australia</p>	<p>\$300,000 – <i>2009/10 financial year</i></p> <p>Approximately 60 students and 10 educators – <i>2009/10 financial year.</i></p>	One year (2009-10)

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	programs in Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Oombulgurri.	(Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Oombulgurri) to develop a tailor made Respectful Relationships program for this region. Report and proposed program design was due on 4 October 2009. Implementation to start January 2010.		
Royal Women's Hospital Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA)	<p>CASA House is working in partnership with the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre to implement CASA's successful <i>Sexual Assault Prevention program for Secondary Schools</i> in three secondary (high school and college) schools in Canberra – Narrabundah College, Telopea Park School and Canberra Grammar School. With funding from the ACT Government Office for Women, Campbell High School students will also have access to the program.</p> <p>Approximately 700 students and 50 teachers will benefit from this program over three years.</p> <p>School staff are being trained to help build a culture of zero tolerance of violence and disrespect. Peer educators and teachers will do the train the trainer program and a theatre production will help get the message across in a non-threatening way.</p>	<p>Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Narrabundah College Telopea Park School Canberra Grammar School</p> <p>Campbell High School (ACT Govt Funding)</p> <p>145 teachers at Narrabundah College and Campbell High School have received training. Community partners Train the Trainer programs will commence October 2009. The education program to year 10 students at Campbell High school will commence Term 4 2009. The program to students at Narrabundah College and Campbell High School will commence 2010.</p>	<p>\$750,000 over three years</p> <p>Approximately 700 students and 50 train the trainer teachers over three years.</p>	Three years (2009-10 – 2011/12)

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Question No: 165

- **Topic:** National Rural Women's Network

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

What progress has been made on the establishment of a National Rural Women's Network?
What are the achieved and anticipated milestones for the establishment of the Network.

Answer:

The National Women's Alliances form the key mechanism for engagement between the Government and women's organisations.

The Government has undertaken extensive consultations in developing its approach to funding the National Women's Alliances.

It is intended that the National Women's Alliances will include the representation of rural and regional women in an Alliance, and that this Alliance will meet the Government's commitment to establish a Rural Women's Network.

The Government is currently running a selection process for funding up to six National Women's Alliances. Funding for the new Alliances is expected to come into effect in April 2010.

Relevant Government portfolios with an interest and responsibility for rural women's issues will work collaboratively with the Alliance to enhance the Network.

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Question No: 166

- **Topic:** National Rural Women's Network - Costs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

Can you please give a breakdown on the costs, including departmental costs, costs of consultative processes and other incidentals for the establishment of the National Rural Women's Network (from 1 January 2008 to 19 October 2009).

Answer:

The National Rural Women's Network will be implemented as part of a Government initiative to broaden engagement with women. This includes funding for up to six National Women's Alliances which will come into effect in April 2010.

It is intended that the National Women's Alliances will include the representation of rural and regional women in an Alliance, and that this Alliance will meet the Government's commitment to establish a Rural Women's Network.

The cost elements of this process specific to the establishment of the National Rural Women's Network include:

- Funding for the National Rural Women's Coalition (one of four current National Women's Alliances funded through the Office for Women) to develop a proposed model for the Network;
- Travel costs for attendance at a one day consultation and planning meeting in Melbourne organised by the National Rural Women's Coalition and attended by a range of rural women's organisations and government representatives;
- Staffing for the period July 2008 (following the National Rural Women's Summit) to October 2009 for correspondence, briefings and stakeholder engagement associated with the National Rural Women's Network.

The details of these costs are set out in the table below.

Date	Activity	Cost
June 2009	Funding provided to National Rural Women's Coalition to develop a proposed model for the Network	\$15,000.00
Oct 2009	Travel costs associated with consultation and planning meeting.	\$485.00
July 08 to Oct 09	Estimated 0.1 FTE x 15 months	\$15,000.00
		\$30,485.00

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Question No: 167

- **Topic:** Review of EOWA

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Minister has announced a review into EOWA, which was due to start in June 2009. Who is handling enquiries about the review (the Department or KPMG)? Does this include media enquiries and media monitoring of the review?

Answer:

The Office for Women is leading the review and therefore handling public enquiries. A telephone number and email address for enquiries is available on the Department's webpage dedicated to the review at

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/women/progserv/economic/Pages/eowa_review.aspx

Media enquiries regarding the review are being handled by the Minister's office and the FaHCSIA media unit. Media monitoring of the review is using standard departmental media monitoring arrangements.

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Question No: 171

- **Topic:** National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

There was a white tie dinner held in Sydney to announce the National Plan on September 10. Where was the dinner held and how many guests were invited?

What was the cost of this dinner?

How many women receiving assistance under the plan attended the dinner?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has no involvement in the organisation of the annual White Tie Dinner which is an event arranged by the White Ribbon Foundation of Australia.

The Department has no information about the numbers of guests invited nor about women who attended the Dinner.

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Outcome Number: 6 **Question No: 174**

- **Topic:** EOWA Review

Hansard Page: CA91

Senator Boyce asked:

Can you tell me about the advertising of the review. What was the cost of that and where was it done?

Answer:

An advertisement for public submissions to the EOWA review appeared in major metropolitan newspapers on Saturday 5 September 2009. Newspapers that the advertisement appeared in:

- Adelaide Advertiser;
- The Australian;
- Australian Financial Review;
- Brisbane Courier Mail;
- Canberra Times;
- Daily Telegraph;
- Herald Sun – Melbourne;
- Hobart Mercury;
- Melbourne Age;
- Northern Territory News;
- Sydney Morning Herald; and
- West Australian.

The total cost of advertising for the EOWA review public submissions was \$27,621.40 (GST inclusive).

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Question No: 175

- **Topic:** Beijing Plus 15 Initiative

Hansard Page: CA94

Senator Carol Brown asked:

When will advertisements for the Community Sector delegate and Indigenous delegates for next years UN Commission on the Status of Women close?

Answer:

On page CA94 of the Hansard Ms Moyle advised applications closed on 7 November 2009 however, applications actually closed on 6 November 2009.

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Outcome Number: 7

Question No: 183

- **Topic:** Queensland Government Leases

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Bligh Queensland government is negotiating a series of 40-year leases over Aboriginal communities as part of an agreement between the state and federal governments.

What role did the Department take in determining that these leases would be negotiated?

Answer:

The Queensland and Commonwealth Governments have agreed under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing that secure tenure must underpin substantial Government investment in housing and infrastructure on Indigenous-held land in order to deliver a system of improved housing, infrastructure and service delivery. Minimum requirements in this regard include:

- Government must have access to and control of the land on which construction will proceed for a minimum of 40 years;
- the tenure arrangement must support the implementation of tenancy management reforms including the issue of individual tenancy management agreements between the Housing Authority and the tenant without requiring further consent from the underlying land owner, including the capacity to replace the housing service provider if required; and
- native title issues must have been dealt with, in that any applicable process required by the *Native Title Act* has been conducted.

The negotiation of 40-year leases between the Queensland Government and land owners has been approved by the Joint Steering Committee, comprised of both Commonwealth and Queensland Government officials, as an acceptable way to give effect to the secure tenure policy.

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Question No: 184

- **Topic:** Queensland Government Leases

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, QLD communities must sign over control of their land to be eligible for more than \$1 billion in social housing funding over the next decade.

Which other states have been required to negotiate these leases? Can the Department provide an update on how this is going and how many leases have been signed?

Answer:

All Australian Governments have agreed under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPA RIH) that secure tenure must underpin substantial investment in housing and infrastructure on Indigenous-held land in order to deliver a system of improved housing, infrastructure and service delivery. Minimum requirements in this regard include:

- Government must have access to and control of the land on which construction will proceed for a minimum of 40 years;
- the tenure arrangement must support the implementation of tenancy management reforms including the issue of individual tenancy management agreements between the Housing Authority and the tenant without requiring further consent from the underlying land owner, including the capacity to replace the housing service provider if required; and
- native title issues must have been resolved, in that any applicable process required by the *Native Title Act* has been conducted.

The method for implementing these requirements is being proposed by each jurisdiction in the context of their capital works proposals. The negotiation of 40-year leases is one way to meet the secure tenure requirements and to date this approach has been adopted, and lease negotiations have commenced, in Queensland, the Northern Territory and South Australia. In some other jurisdictions works are proceeding in the short-term where land tenure is already resolved, such as on Crown land as they develop their secure tenure approaches. It is likely that investment in these jurisdictions in later years of the NPA will be preceded by negotiation of leases or some other mechanism to secure the tenure, and the approach would be jointly agreed at that time by the Commonwealth and the relevant jurisdiction.

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A table is attached showing the progress of negotiations in jurisdictions that have commenced the negotiation of leases.

Community	Jurisdiction	Indigenous -held tenure	Lease Status	Key Lease Terms
Nguiu	NT	ALRA	Lease finalised	99 year whole-of-township lease
Groote Eylandt (Angurugu, Milyakburra, Umbakumba)	NT	ALRA	Lease finalised	80 year whole-of-township lease
Tennant Creek Town Camps	NT	Crown Lease in Perpetuity	Finalised	60 year sublease
Alice Springs Town Camps	NT	Crown Leases in Perpetuity / Special Purpose Leases in perpetuity	Sub leases have been agreed for 16 town camps. However, the Federal Court has granted a temporary injunction preventing the execution of these leases until a court case brought by some town camps residents is resolved.	40 year sublease providing for 3 year sub-sublease to Territory Housing to manage Housing. After 3 years, an open tender will determine the housing provider
Borroloola Town Camps	NT	Crown Leases in Perpetuity / ALRA	Negotiations underway.	40 year sublease
Wadeye	NT	ALRA	Lease finalised	40 year housing precinct lease
Maningrida	NT	ALRA	Lease finalised	40 year housing precinct lease
Galiwin'ku	NT	ALRA	Lease finalised	40 year housing precinct lease
Gunbalanya	NT	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease
Ngukurr	NT	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease

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Community	Jurisdiction	Indigenous -held tenure	Lease Status	Key Lease Terms
Pirlangimpi. Milikapiti and Ranku	NT	ALRA	In principle agreement reached	99 year whole-of-township Lease – Subject to TLC Full Council approval
Hermannsburg	NT	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease
Yuendumu	NT	ALRA	Negotiations underway	
Lajamanu	NT	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease
Numbulwar	NT	ALRA	Negotiations underway	
Gapuwiyak	NT	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease
Yirrkala	NT	ALRA	Negotiations underway	
Milingimbi	NT	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease
APY - Amata	SA	APY Act	Lease agreed	50 year Ground Lease
APY - Mimili	SA	APY Act	Lease agreed	50 year Ground Lease
APY - Pukatja	SA	APY Act	Lease agreed	50 year Ground Lease
APY - Fregon	SA	APY Act	Lease negotiations underway	50 year Ground Lease
Doomadgee	QLD	ALRA	Lease agreed	40 year housing precinct lease

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Question No: 188

- **Topic:** NTER – Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

In October 2007, the Minister committed to reintroducing the RDA. Is the Department preparing for this to happen? Does it have a date?

Answer:

On 25 November 2009, the Government introduced legislation into Parliament to repeal all provisions in the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) and associated legislation that suspend the operation of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA).

The legislation is to be debated in Parliament in the new year.

Subject to passage of the legislation, changes to various NTER measures will take effect from 1 July 2010 and the suspension of the RDA in relation to existing measures will be lifted on 31 December 2010.

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Question No: 190

- **Topic:** NTER – Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The Government argues that its five year leases are necessary to implement housing services.

How many houses have been constructed on land currently leased by the Government? Who have these houses been for (i.e. families, singles, groups of people?)

How many houses are estimated to be built on land currently leased by the Government?

Answer:

The five-year leases underpin a range of vital initiatives under the Northern Territory National Emergency Response including the installation of safe houses, the Community Clean-up Program, the provision of Government Business Manager accommodation and the reform of tenancy management arrangements.

The supply of new housing in Aboriginal communities is being addressed under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP). The five-year leases were not intended to support the construction of new houses under SIHIP as longer term secure tenure is required to underpin such major investment. However, the five-year leases are sufficient security to support refurbishment of houses in 52 communities under SIHIP.

Housing precinct leases have been executed or agreed for 12 of the 16 remote communities identified for new housing investment under SIHIP. Negotiations in relation to the balance of communities are continuing.

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Question No: 191

- **Topic:** Five-year lease acquisitions in 2008-09

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

What Aboriginal land does the Department plan to acquire through the five year lease program in 2008-09?

Answer:

A total of 64 five-year leases were acquired under section 31 of the *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act* ('the Act'). Under the provisions of the Act, the leases took effect at two different stages: 26 of the leases commenced on 18 August 2007, while the remaining 38 commenced on 17 February 2008. Regardless of the date the leases commenced, they will expire five years from the commencement of the Act unless terminated earlier.

On 1 April 2009, significantly reduced five-year lease boundaries came into operation, reducing the total leased area by over 50 per cent.

The Government has no intention to acquire further leases.

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Question No: 194

- **Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

What will happen to those participants not in private employment after the transitional arrangements end in June 2011? Will they simply be cut off from funding?

Answer:

The transitional arrangements only apply to CDEP participant payments from CDEP Wage funds. Participants will be able to continue on CDEP after this time whilst on income support.

From 1 July 2011 until 30 September 2011, Continuing Participants (those in receipt of CDEP participant payments) will move off CDEP participant payments on a community by community basis onto income support and can continue to participate in CDEP.

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Question No: 197

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Stephens Memo

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

On 22 July 2009, ABC News reported on a memo written a year earlier by Senator Ursula Stephens to Jenny Macklin which expressed grave concerns about the SIHIP program. What is the department's view of that memo?

Can the department make this memo available to the committee?

Answer:

Any request for this document should be directed to the Minister's office.

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Question No: 198

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Stephens Memo

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What, if any, actions were taken by the Department following receipt of the memo, to remedy the problems that it outlines?

Answer:

See the answer to Question 197.

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Question No: 201

- **Topic:** Lease Negotiations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In answer to a question on notice at the last estimates, FAHCSIA said that negotiations with the Central Land Council for leases at Hermannsburg, Yuendumu and Lajamanu are underway. Can you provide an update on this? When can we expect to see these leases signed? What is the reason for any delay?

Answer:

Negotiations are continuing. FaHCSIA and Northern Territory Government officials are working closely with the CLC to ensure that traditional owners have sufficient information to be able to make an informed decision as to whether or not to lease their land.

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Question No: 202

- **Topic:** Lease Negotiations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In answer to a question on notice at the last estimates, FAHCSIA said that the Northern Land Council was scheduled in mid 2009 to commence negotiations on Numbulwar, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi and Yirrkala. Can you provide an update on this? When can we expect to see these leases signed? What is the reason for any delay?

Answer:

Gapuwiyak traditional owners gave in-principle agreement to a 40 year housing precinct lease on 20 October 2009. Milingimbi traditional owners gave in-principle agreement to a 40 year housing precinct lease on 27 October. These agreements were endorsed by the NLC Full Council on 5 November 2009 together with an additional lease in relation to Ngukurr. The leases will now be prepared for final execution.

Negotiations are underway in relation to Numbulwar and Yirrkala. FaHCSIA and Northern Territory Government officers are working closely with the NLC to ensure that traditional owners have sufficient information to be able to make an informed decision as to whether or not to lease their land.

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Question No: 225

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Has Outback Stores ever offered large grants to communities to upgrade their store facilities, on the condition that the management of the store be given to Outback Stores?

Answer:

Outback Stores was created to provide an integrated response to the challenges of remote community store management, to bring stability to remote food supplies. Some of the key features of the Outback Stores model are that it can provide economies of scale, bulk purchasing power and streamlined management systems.

The Government recognises that poor store infrastructure can impact heavily on food security. Depending on the infrastructure needs of a store that signs a management agreement with Outback Stores, Outback Stores may use some of its funding to provide loans for, or directly fund, infrastructure upgrades to the store to improve food security in the community.

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Question No: 226

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Are community stores, those that are managed by Outback Stores, able to choose their own suppliers?

Answer:

Outback Stores was created to provide an integrated response to the challenges of remote community store management, to bring stability to remote food supplies. Some of the key features of the Outback Stores model are that it can provide economies of scale, bulk purchasing power and streamlined management systems.

The commercial arrangements entered into by a store managed by Outback Stores, including the issue of who supplies the store, are internal matters for Outback Stores and the store concerned.

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Question No: 227

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Were tenders sought for the variety goods supplier for community stores managed by Outback Stores?

Answer:

Outback Stores was created to provide an integrated response to the challenges of remote community store management, to bring stability to remote food supplies. Some of the key features of the Outback Stores model are that it can provide economies of scale, bulk purchasing power and streamlined management systems.

The commercial arrangements of Outback Stores, including supply arrangements, are internal matters for the company.

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Question No: 228

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Have the prices of goods changed (eg increased or decreased) since Outback Stores took over the management of community stores?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government's submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs: *Inquiry into Community Stores in Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities* includes information gathered through their annual Market Basket Survey, which monitors food cost, availability, variety and quality in remote community stores. The survey considers the cost of a basket of food that would meet the nutrition requirements of a hypothetical family of six for a fortnight.

Between April and June 2008, 66 remote stores were surveyed as part of the 2008 Northern Territory Market Basket Survey. The Survey found that the average cost of a basket was slightly less in Outback Store's stores, at \$659, compared to the Territory-wide average of \$665.

FaHCSIA has not undertaken any research to determine whether the price of goods has changed in the time Outback Stores has been managing stores.

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Question No: 229

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Does G&R Wills supply variety goods to community stores managed by Outback Stores?
Do other suppliers supply variety goods to community stores managed by Outback Stores? If so, please list these suppliers.

Answer:

Outback Stores was created to provide an integrated response to the challenges of remote community store management, to bring stability to remote food supplies. Some of the key features of the Outback Stores model are that it can provide economies of scale, bulk purchasing power and streamlined management systems.

The commercial arrangements of Outback Stores, including supply arrangements, are internal matters for the company.

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Question No: 230

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Can you please provide a list of all the suppliers that supply community stores that are managed by Outback Stores?

Answer:

Outback Stores was created to provide an integrated response to the challenges of remote community store management, to bring stability to remote food supplies. Some of the key features of the Outback Stores model are that it can provide economies of scale, bulk purchasing power and streamlined management systems.

The commercial arrangements of Outback Stores, including supply arrangements, are internal matters for the company. Therefore, FaHCSIA does not require Outback Stores to provide details about the suppliers that it uses.

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Question No: 231

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Who is the CEO/General Manager of Outback Stores?
Does this CEO hold any other positions in other boards, companies, committees or organisations? If so, please list the positions that the CEO holds.

Answer:

The Chief Executive Officer of Outback Stores is Mr Alastair King. Mr King has advised that he is a member of the Indigenous Advisory Board of Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Limited. This role is about assisting Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Limited to build their Indigenous workforce in a culturally sensitive and sustainable way. This role also provides guidance to the company on engaging with Indigenous communities. The company pays Mr King for his services and expenses, and this payment goes to Outback Stores as a consulting fee.

Mr King has advised that he is also on the steering committee for an Arnhem Human Enterprise Development project. The project is based on the 'Enterprise Facilitation' model developed by author Ernesto Sirolli, outlined in his book *Ripples on the Zambezi*, and involves placing a small trained facilitation team (initially 2 people) on the ground. The team's role would be to facilitate, at the request of local motivated individuals and groups, the success of ideas and endeavours that are held passionately by the people. While these usually involve business development, the project is not limited to business development. This is a voluntary role.

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Question No: 232

- **Topic:** Outback Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Does Arnhem Land Progress Association have any links to G&R Wills? If so, please detail.

Answer:

The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA) is an Aboriginal-owned benevolent organisation which is not linked to FaHCSIA. FaHCSIA is not able to respond to questions related to ALPA's business.

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Question No: 238

- **Topic:** Homeless Indigenous Australians

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How many Indigenous Australians are Homeless?

Answer:

The latest data derived from the 2006 Census identified 9,248 Indigenous Australians as homeless. (*Counting the Homeless 2006* State and Territory reports, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare).

Indigenous Australians represent 9 per cent of the 104,676 Australian homeless population compared to their 2.4 per cent representation in the Australian population in 2006.

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Question No: 244

- **Topic:** Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

When is the RDA going to be reinstated?

Answer:

On 25 November 2009, the Government introduced legislation into Parliament to repeal all provisions in the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) legislation that suspend the operation of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA).

The legislation is to be debated in Parliament in the new year.

The bill proposes that changes to various NTER measures will take effect from 1 July 2010, that they will conform with the requirements of the RDA, and that the suspension of the RDA in relation to existing measures will be lifted on 31 December 2010.

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Question No: 245

- **Topic:** Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How will the compulsory income management scheme continue once the RDA has been reinstated?

Answer:

On 25 November 2009, the Government introduced legislation into Parliament to repeal all provisions in the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) legislation that suspend the operation of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA).

The legislation is to be debated in Parliament in the new year.

The bill proposes that income management will be re-designed as a non-discriminatory measure. The RDA will immediately apply to the new income management scheme from 1 July 2010.

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Question No: 247

- **Topic:** Wallaga Lake Outreach Centre Funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Of the original funds provided, does the Department know how much remains with which the Centre can be built, and what the remainder of the funds have been spent on? If so, can the Department provide this information to the Committee? If not, why not?

Answer:

In May 2008, \$235,000 in Commonwealth funding was provided to the Eurobodalla Shire Council for the construction of an Outreach Centre at Wallaga Lake.

In August 2008, the Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council advised the Department that they preferred to renovate the former CDEP building rather than construct a new building.

Council's financial report at 30 June 2009 shows capital expenditure of \$8,535 to secure the former CDEP building prior to renovation.

Of the \$235,000 funding provided, \$226,465 remains for the renovation of the premises.

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Question No: 248

- **Topic:** NT Communities

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How many Indigenous communities do not currently have a residential on site operational police presence?

Answer:

The table provided below details current permanent police presence in the Northern Territory.

Current Permanent Police Stations	Themis Police Stations	Police Posts (ACPO)	Police Overnight Facilities	New Permanent Police Stations to be Built
Adelaide River	Alpurrurulam	Angurugu	Kaltukatjara (Docker River)	Arlparra
Ali Curung (Warrabri)	Apatula (Finke)	Milikapati	Millingimbi	Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)
Alice Springs	Arlparra	Barunga	Titjikala	Imanpa
Avon Downs	Bulman	Beswick	Umbakumba	Ramingining
Batchelor	Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)			Yarralin
Borrooloola	Ikuntji (Haasts Bluff)			
Casuarina	Imanpa			
Daly River	Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa)			
Darwin	Minjilang (Crocker Island)			
Elliott	Minyerri (Hodgson Downs)			
Galiwinku (Elcho island)	Mutitjulu			
Groote Eylandt (Alyangula)	Numbulwar			
Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)	Nyirripi			
Harts Range	Peppimenarti			
Humpty Doo	Ramingining			
Jabiru	Waruwi			

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Kalkarinji (Wave Hill)	Willowra			
Katherine	Yarralin			
Kintore				
Kulgera				
Lajamanu (Hooker Creek)				
Maningrida				
Maranboy				
Mataranka				
Nguiu (Bathurst Island)				
Ngukurr (Urapunga)				
Nhulunbuy (Gove)				
Nightcliff				
Ntaria (Hermannsburg)				
Palmerston				
Papunya				
Pine Creek				
Pirlangimpi				
Ti Tree				
Tennant Creek				
Timber Creek				
Wadeye (Port Keats)				
Warrakuna				
Yuendumu				
Yulara				

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Question No: 250

- **Topic:** SIHIP - Infrastructure

Hansard Page: CA11

Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide details on the range of other measures that that the NT Government is receiving Commonwealth funding under?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government receives funding under a large number of Commonwealth programs.

In respect of infrastructure for remote communities, the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing is a source of funding along with Northern Territory Government programs such as Indigenous Essential Services that utilise untied Northern Territory Government funding.

The Australian Government also provides \$20 million per annum to the Northern Territory Government to assist with the provision of municipal and infrastructure services to outstations and town camps.

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Question No: 251

- **Topic:** National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing

Hansard Page: CA12

Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide identification out of that \$1.7 billion about exactly where that money is going to the Northern Territory?

Answer:

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing is a 10 year funding strategy that commits \$1.7 billion to the Northern Territory from 1 January 2009 to reform the provision of housing for Indigenous people in remote communities. The \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) is subsumed into the National Partnership and will be its first significant tranche of housing works in remote NT communities. Information about the numbers of new houses that have been approved for construction under SIHIP in a number of remote communities can be found in the answer to Question on Notice No.254. As further new housing under SIHIP is approved in other locations, this will also be publicised, along with refurbishment and rebuild numbers following housing assessments being carried out in the communities.

Funding under the National Partnership will be applied to strategies that will:

- Increase the number of new dwellings constructed in remote NT communities to address high levels of overcrowding in these communities and a targeted number of town camps.
- Improve the current poor standard of housing by significantly upgrading current stock through a rebuild and refurbishment program.
- Improve the current poor standard of housing-related infrastructure and essential and municipal services (including in town camps).
- Implement a robust and standardised property and tenancy management framework for all remote Indigenous housing which ensures fair and equitable rent collection, tenant support and allocation arrangements and a repairs and maintenance program consistent with public housing standards.
- Increase the availability of employment-related accommodation for Indigenous people seeking work away from the remote communities where they reside.
- Increase employment and training opportunities and create local housing-related jobs for Indigenous people.

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Question No: 255

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Costs of consultants undertaking community engagement

Hansard Page: CA15-16

Senator Scullion asked:

Could you also include who the consultants were and the costs for each of those consultancies?

Answer:

The recently-commissioned SIHIP Review of Program Performance found that key elements of the program, such as community engagement, had been devolved by the Northern Territory Government to external consultants when they should more properly be the responsibility of Government. It is not possible to separately identify the costs incurred by external consultants in undertaking community engagement that should properly have been undertaken by government from their other activities.

Since the SIHIP Review the Northern Territory and Australian Governments have taken on a leadership role and assumed primary responsibility for community engagement.

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Question No: 256

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Package Development Reports and employment targets.

Hansard Page: CA20

Senator Payne asked:

Could you provide copies of the PDRs? Could you provide more detail of what the provisions are in relation to meeting the employment targets and what occurs if they are not met?

Answer:

As previously advised in Question on Notice 293, 2009-10 Budget Estimates, the Northern Territory Government has determined that the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) Package Development Reports (PDRs) submitted by their contracted Alliance Partners are commercial-in-confidence documents and therefore cannot be made available to the Committee.

Employment and workforce development outcomes for local Indigenous people are an important objective of SIHIP. The overall program target set for SIHIP is 20 per cent Indigenous employment across the life of the program.

Indigenous employment targets have been set and agreed for each of the approved packages of works as part of the incentive payment regime that has been built into the program. Data is collected from Alliance Partners to measure performance against the Key Performance Indicators in each package. Financial incentives or penalties are applied according to this performance.

At the point at which the performance expectations of each Alliance Partner are achieved – called the Minimum Condition of Satisfaction or MCOS – the Alliance Partner receives no incentive payment or financial penalty. They receive an incentive payment if higher targets are achieved and if MCOS is not achieved they forfeit an agreed proportion of their fee.

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Question No: 258

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Priority works in Maningrida and Galiwinku

Hansard Page: CA23

Senator Scullion asked:

What is the situation there with the announcement? Are those locations a part of the push to have materials in place before the wet season—not that it matters before the wet season. But given that there is now an expectation in these communities, later on, because they do not have the wet season, are they going to become issues? When would we expect some action and houses built in those areas?

Answer:

The priority in the communities of Galiwinku and Maningrida is to get workers' camps established so that accommodation is available for workers during the wet season, enabling work to continue during that time. It is intended to deliver a number of refurbishments commencing in 2009 and a number of new houses, refurbishments and rebuilds completed by June 2010 in both these communities.

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Question No: 264

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Funding for consultants

Hansard Page: CA29-30

Senator Scullion asked:

I am not sure if it is 11.4 per cent or the eight per cent, depending when it happened, but it provided the management arrangements for the Northern Territory government. Could you tell me if they were required to pay the consultants from that, or was that actually taken out of the larger SIHIP process?

Answer:

The program management budget for SIHIP, which has now been set at 8 per cent across the life of the program, is used for Northern Territory Government staffing costs and the costs of any consultants that are contracted to support the management of the program.

The remaining 92 per cent of funding is used to deliver capital works under the program.

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Question No: 268

- **Topic:** Government Business Managers

Hansard Page: CA33

Senator Adams asked:

How many have been in place for a year and would be surveyed?

Answer:

FaHCSIA's Government Business Manager survey is a survey of all Government Business Managers in the Northern Territory.

60 Government Business Managers were included in the survey which commenced 20 September 2009. 53 (out of 60) Government Business Managers responded to the 2009 Government Business Manager survey.

Of these 53, 26 had been Government Business Managers for more than a year.

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Question No: 269

- **Topic:** Night Patrols

Hansard Page: CA34

Senator Adams asked:

Regarding night patrols, Page 13 of the Part One [Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory] report states that on 30 June there were 80 active night patrols and 72 emergency response communities. But it also states that from 1 January to 31 March 2009 the total number of people transported was approximately 39,000. That is an awful lot of people to be transported in three months.

Answer:

Part One of the Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory Monitoring Report states “For the period 1 January to 31 March 2009 the total number of people (men and women) transported by a night patrol service was approximately 39,000.”

The data is footnoted stating that this figure is based on information provided by service providers, data collection is problematic and continues to be refined.

The data was provided by the Attorney General’s Department, and has been confirmed.

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Question No: 270

- **Topic:** Diversionary Programs

Hansard Page: CA49-50

Senator Siewert asked:

Are you also discussing and budgeting in diversionary programs for those areas [the Goldfields] so that we have both areas covered?

Answer:

There are a number of Commonwealth Government agencies undertaking diversionary programs in the Goldfields region, particularly in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. Since 2005 agencies with portfolio responsibility for youth-related activities (the Department of Health and Ageing, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the Attorney-General's Department and FaHCSIA) have invested \$3,639,053 in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands to implement youth-related programs including upgrades to sporting facilities and other infrastructure, criminal justice diversion activities and outdoor adventure programs.

In this financial year, the Attorney-General's Department is funding a youth diversion project in Warburton to reengage Ngaanyatjarra youth by providing culturally appropriate diversionary services.

Ngaanyatjarraku Shire has contributed \$1.870 million since 2005 to youth projects in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

FaHCSIA will continue to identify opportunities to develop appropriate support services in consultation with the Department of Health and Ageing.

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Question No: 271

- **Topic:** CAPSSU Review: involvement of former CAPSSU staff member

Hansard Page: CA50

Senator Siewert asked:

Is it true that somebody who used to work for CAPSSU was involved in that review?

Answer:

The Review of the Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit (CAPSSU) was undertaken by a private consulting firm (Urbis). Enquiries with Urbis confirm that none of the researchers or other staff involved in the review team has previously worked in CAPSSU.

The contract under which Urbis was engaged to carry out the review was managed by the National Projects Section in FaHCSIA's Indigenous Programs Branch. The Director of the National Projects Section has previously worked in CAPSSU.

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Question No: 272

- **Topic:** Diversionary Officers in Balgo

Hansard Page: CA53

Senator Moore asked:

Can you provide some more details about when that funding was provided and when [the diversionary officers in Balgo] started?

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department has advised that Wirrmanu Aboriginal Corporation was given \$270,000 in funding in 2008-09 to employ a male and female youth worker in Balgo. Both positions have now been filled. The positions will work with youth, families and the community to develop a program of regular activities to divert children and youth from substance abuse such as petrol sniffing.

The Attorney-General's Department released \$200,000 on 6 April 2009 to cover operational costs (including the youth worker salaries) and released \$70,000 on 27 May 2009 to enable the purchase of a troop carrier for the youth worker activities.

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Question No: 286

- **Topic:** NTER Redesign Consultation Process

Hansard Page: CA43

Senator Siewert asked:

Could you provide a list of where the consultations took place and how many people attended the Tier 3 consultation process?

Answer:

See attached table.

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NTER Redesign Consultations – Tier 1 & 2 Meetings

Location of meetings

- The following table shows the number of Tier 1 and Tier 2 meetings held in various communities.

	NTER Community	Tier 1	Tier 2
1	Acacia/Larrakia	3	1
2	Ali Curung (Alekerange, Warrabri)	2	1
3	Alpurrurulam (Lake Nash)	18	1
4	Amanbidji (Kildurk, Mailuni)	1	1
5	Amoonguna	3	1
6	Ampilatwatja	-	1
7	Angurugu	11	1
8	Apatula (Finke)	3	1
9	Areyonga (Utju)	5	1
10	Arlparra (Utopia, Urapuntja)	3	1
11	Atitjere (Harts Range)	6	1
12	Barunga (Bamyili)	9	1
13	Belyuen (Delissaville)	6	1
14	Beswick (Wugularr)	2	1
15	Binjari (Wylunba)	11	2
16	Bulla (Gudabijin, Auvergne)	3	1
17	Bulman (Gulin-Gulin)	4	1
18	Canteen Creek (Orwairtilla)	5	1
19	Daguragu	3	(Included in Kalkarindji Tier 2)
20	Elliott	12	1
21	Elliott North Camp	5	Included in either Elliott or Elliott South Camp Tier 2 consultations
22	Elliott South Camp	2	1
23	Engawala (Alcoota, Alatyeye)	3	1
24	Galiwinku (Elcho Island)	8	2
25	Gapuwiyak	10	1
26	Gunbalunya	6	2
27	Gunyangara	5	1

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28	Haasts Bluff	7	1
29	Hermannsburg (Ntaria)	11	1
30	Imangara (Murray Downs)	1	1
31	Imanpa	4	1
32	Jilkminggan (Elsey)	12	1
33	Kalkarindji	5	1
34	Kaltukatjara	-	2
35	Kintore (Walungurru)	5	1
36	Kybrook Farm	2	1
37	Lajamanu	6	1
38	Laramba	2	2
39	Maningrida	7	2
40	Manyallaluk (Eva Valley)	3	2
41	Milikapiti	8	2
42	Milingimbi	1	1
43	Milyakburra	1	2
44	Minjilang (Croker Island)	-	1
45	Mt Liebig (see Watiyawana below)	5	1
46	Mutitjulu	7	1
47	Nauiyu (Daly River)	8	1
48	Nguiu	13	2
49	Ngukurr	-	1
50	Numbulwar	9	1
51	Nturiya		Included in Ti Tree Tier 2 consultations
52	Nyirripi	2	1
53	Palumpa (Nganmarriyanga)	1	1
54	Papunya	19	1
55	Peppimenarti	-	2
56	Pigeon Hole	2	1
57	Pirlangimpi (Pularumpi)	8	2
58	Pmara Juntunta		(included in Ti Tree Tier 2 consultation)
59	Ramingining	14	1
60	Rittarangu	-	Included in Ngukkur Tier 2 consultation
61	Robinson River (Mungoobada)	3	1
62	Santa Teresa	8	3
63	Tara (Akwerrnge)	1	1
64	Titjikala	8	1

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65	Umbakumba	3	1
66	Wadeye	8	2
67	Wallace Rockhole	1	1
68	Warruwi (Goulburn Island)	3	1
69	Weemol	-	Included in Bulman Tier 2
70	Willowra	-	2
71	Wilora	2	(included in Ti Tree Tier 2 consultation)
72	Wutunugurra (Epenarra)	4	1
73	Yarralin	6	1
74	Yirrkala	7	2
75	Yuelamu (Mt Allan)	5	1
76	Yuendumu	3	1
	Town Camps		
	Alice Springs Town Camps		
77	Alice Springs	3	-
78	Hidden Valley, Ilpeye Ilpeye, Whitegate	-	1
79	Karnte/Ilparpa/Anthepe	-	1
80	Larapinta Valley	-	1
81	Little Sisters/Old Timers	-	1
82	Morris Soak/Namitjira	-	1
83	Oak Valley	1	-
84	Palmers/Mount Nancy/ Bassos	-	1
85	Walpiri/ North Camp	-	1
	Darwin Town Camps		
86	Bagot	1	1
87	Knuckey's Lagoon (Knuckey Lagoon)	5	1
88	Kulaluk/Minmirama Park/One Mile	2	1
89	Palmerston Indigenous Village	6	1
	Tennant Creek Town Camps		
90	Tennant Creek Town Camps	-	1
91	Kargaru (Wartijlpungara)	2	-
92	Munji-Marla	1	-
93	Ngalpa Ngalpa (Mulga camp)	1	1
94	Tinkarli	1	1
95	Village Camp	4	-

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	Katherine Town Camps		
96	Pine Creek	1	-
97	Rockhole	2	-
	Adelaide River Town Camps		
98	Amangal Indigenous Village	2	-
	Other Communities		
99	Alyuen (Aileron)	1	-
100	Bonya (Orrtipa-Thurra)	-	1
101	Borrooloola	11	1
102	Devil's Pebbles	1	-
103	Jabiru	2	1
104	Katherine (Kalano Community Association)	-	1
105	Minyeri	13	1
106	Mungkarta outstation	2	1
107	Timber Creek	8	1
108	Ti Tree	-	2
	Total meetings	444	109

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NTER Redesign Consultations
- Tier 3 and 4 Workshops

Location and dates of workshops

- The following tables show the dates and attendance details for Tier 3 and Tier 4 workshops.

Tier 3 Regional workshops

Workshop location	Dates	No Attended	Communities represented
Alice Springs	14–16 July 2009	26	Participants were from community and stakeholder organisations in Alice Springs and surrounding communities including: Alice Springs town camps; Athengelhere Altyere; Atitjere; Apatula (Finke); Engawala; Haasts Bluff; Hermannsburg; Imanpa; Jay Creek; Kintore; Laramba; Mount Liebig; Nyrrippi; Papunya; Santa Theresa; Titjikala; Yuelamu; Yuendumu
Darwin	4-5 August 2009	45	Participants were from Acacia Larrakia; Belyuen; Daly River; Darwin; Darwin town camps – Bagot and Knuckey’s Lagoon; Maningrida; Milikapiti; Minjalang (Croker Island); Nguiu (Bathurst Island); Palmerston; Palumpa; Peppimenarti; Pirlangimpi; Wadeye (Port Keats); Warrawui (Goulburn Island)
Katherine	11-12 August 2009	45	Participants were from: Barunga; Beswick; Binjari; Bulman/Weemol; Jilkminggan; Lajamanu; Kalano; Kalkarindgi; Katherine; Kybrook Farm; Manyallaluck; Minyerri; Myalli Brumby; Ngukurr; Rockhole; Roper Valley; Timber Creek.
Nhulunbuy	18-19 August 2009	24	Participants attending the workshop were from Galiwinku (Elcho Island); Gapuwiyak; Groote Eylandt and Umbakumba; Ramingining; Ski Beach; Warruwi. (Numbers were lower than anticipated due to people needing to attend cultural obligations following several deaths in the area).
Tennant Creek – Women’s consultation (1)	2 July 2009	20 (These women were from the 36 who attended the 30 June -2 July workshop –see below)	Community women from the Barkly and Tennant Creek region
Tennant Creek (2)	30 June–2 July 2009	36	Participants attending the workshop were from Ali Curung; Alpururulam; Elliott; Murray Downs; Tennant Creek; Utopia; Wilyuku.

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Tier 4 Stakeholder workshops

Workshop location	Dates	No Attended	Who attended
Darwin	18 June 2009	9	NT Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council members
Alice Springs	21–23 July 2009	17	Participants included a number of prominent Indigenous leaders who had the authority to speak on behalf of their community and/or organisation.
Darwin	6–7 August 2009	37	Representatives from 23 organisations present, including two representatives from the Central Land Council who were unable to attend the Alice Springs workshop. This workshop also included a number of representatives from mainstream organisations that have a large Indigenous clientele.
Katherine	13–14 August 2009	26	Majority of participants were prominent leaders who spoke on behalf of their community or organisation.
Nhulunbuy	20–21 August 2009	12	Majority of participants were non-Indigenous shire managers.

Attendance summary

- Total Tier 3: **176**
- Total Tier 4: **101**
- Total: **277**

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Question No: 287

- **Topic:** Wallaga Lake

Hansard Page: CA5

Senator Payne asked:

Could you provide any further advice or assistance to me and the people of this community in relation to support for their efforts to ensure the contamination is clear?

Answer:

The Department has been advised that the cleanup of surface asbestos at Wallaga Lake has been completed. A final site inspection was conducted by Nature Coast Demolition and Asbestos and the independent occupational hygienist on Tuesday 3 November 2009.

The Merriman's Local Aboriginal Land Council is continuing to work with the NSW Government and the Eurobodalla Shire Council to implement the long term site management plan. This plan will cover actions to be undertaken in the event of further discoveries of surface asbestos at Wallaga Lake.

An officer of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) will soon begin working at the Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council office at Wallaga Lake for 2-3 days per week. Among other duties, this officer will be the official contact person for any further reports of asbestos in or around the village, as prescribed in the site management plan.

A local resident who is trained and experienced in safe asbestos removal will be engaged on a casual part-time basis to manage the collection of any future surface asbestos waste reported to the contact officer. Equipment has been purchased for use in this event, including protective clothing for the community worker, a small lockable shed with cement floor, a 200 gallon drum and plastic linings.

The NSWALC office will assist with local communications, providing updated information to the community on the recent asbestos removal and the agreed arrangements for any future occurrences.

Greater Southern Area Health Service carried out tests of both ambient air and soil samples in June 2009. Analysis showed no dangerous free or respirable asbestos fibres in any soil or air samples.

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Question No: 289

- **Topic:** Wallaga Lake Asbestos

Hansard Page: CA4

Senator Payne asked:

At the previous estimates you indicated that you would provide some more information on the Commonwealth's involvement of individuals in federally funded projects that may have been impacted by work that they did in these communities. I am not aware of having received it.

Answer:

The information was provided in Budget Estimates Question no. 256.

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Question No: 290

- **Topic:** Tenancy Management NT

Hansard Page: CA22

Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide an understanding about their intentions, is it just the same as they have always done, or do they have a clear program?

Answer:

Payment of Australian Government funding to the Northern Territory for property and tenancy management reforms under the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing is subject to performance against key milestones in an agreed Implementation Plan and related Operational Plan.

In the Northern Territory's case, the recent review of the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure program (SIHIP) has also underlined the commitment by both the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to ensuring robust and effective property and tenancy management to help ensure lasting benefits from the substantial investment in improved housing through SIHIP.

To further strengthen transparency around these reforms, both the Northern Territory and Australian Governments have also agreed to a public review of progress in implementing the changes to property and tenancy management to be completed in 2011/2012.

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Question No: 192

- **Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

From 1 July 2009, the Government stopped the operation of the CDEP in non-remote locations where the economy is established. Can the Department provide a list of the locations where the CDEP no longer operates?

Answer:

The ceasing of CDEP in non-remote locations with established economies is an extension of a policy initiated by the previous Government. Below is a table showing locations where the CDEP program ceased to be available from 1 July 2009.

NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
Aldavilla	Atherton	Mildura	Bellary Spring	Meningie	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ballina	Augathella	Morwell	Boddington	Raukkan			
Balranald	Bundaberg	Sale	Bremer Bay				
Batemans Bay	Burnett		Brookton				
Bathurst	Charleville		Brunswick				
Bellbrook	Charters Towers		Junction				
Boggabilla	Childers		Cheeditha				
Boggabri	Clermont		Coolgardie				
Bonalbo	Cloncurry		Cranbrook				
Bowraville	Dimbulah		Dalwallinu				
Broken Hill	Duaringa		Dongara				
Byron Bay	Eidsvold		Five Mile Bay				
Cabbage Tree Island	Emerald		Gibson				
Caroona	Gordonvale		Gnowangerup				
Casino	Herberton		Goomalling				
Cobar	Hervey Bay		Harvey				
Coffs Harbour	Innisfail		Kalbarri				
Condobolin	Japoonvale		Kalgoorlie				
Coonabarabran	Julia Creek		Katanning				
Cootamundra	Koah		Kellerberrin				
Coraki	Kowrowa		Kojonup				
Crescent Head	Kuranda		Kurrawang				
Dareton	Longreach		Manjimup				
Deniliquin	Malanda		Manypeaks				
Dubbo	Mareeba		Merriden				
Fingal Head	Mission Beach		Moora				

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Forbes	Mossman and		Mt Barker				
Forster/Tuncurry	Mossman Gorge		Narrogin				
Gilgandra	Mt Isa		Newman				
Gloucester	Munduberra		Northam				
Goonellabah	Ravenshoe		Northampton				
Grafton	Rockhampton		Pingelly				
Grenfell	Roma		Redmond				
Griffith	Springsure		Roebourne				
Gundurimba	St George		Tambellup				
Gunnedah	Walkamin		Tom Price				
Guyra	Wide Bay		Wagin				
Hay	Yarrabah		Wakathuni				
Harden							
Hillston							
Inverell							
Jerilderie							
Junee							
Kempsey							
Kendall							
Kyogle							
Leeton							
Lennox Head							
Lismore							
Macksville							
MacLean							
Mallanganee							
Muswellbrook							
Mogo							
Moree							
Moruya							
Nambucca Heads							
Narrabri							
Narrandera							
Narromine							
Nowra							
Nyngan							
Old Bar							
Orange							
Parkes							
Port Macquarie							
Purfleet							
Quirindi							
Sawtell							
Scone							
South west rocks							
Southern suburbs of							
Wollongong							
including Windang							

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Swan Hill							
Tabulam							
Taree							
Temora							
Tingha							
Tocumwal							
Toomelah							
Tumut							
Tweed Heads							
Ulladulla							
Warren							
Wauchope							
Wee Waa							
Wellington							
Wentworth							
West Wyalong							
Windang							
Wollongbar							
Wollongong							
Wreck Bay							
Yamba							
Young							

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Question No: 220

- **Topic:** Indigenous Healing Foundation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Has the government accepted all the recommendations of the Healing Foundation's report (*Voices from the Campfires*)? If not, which recommendations have not been supported and why?

Answer:

The Government has not formally responded to the recommendations in the report *Voices from the Campfires: Establishing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation*.

On 24 September 2009, Minister Macklin welcomed the release of the report by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Development Team and announced an interim Board to progress the establishment of the Foundation.

Most of the report's recommendations are being implemented under the direction of the interim Board. However, recommendations relating to implementation and scope will not be able to be finalised until the specified processes are undertaken and the inaugural Board is operational.

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Question No: 185

- **Topic:** NTER – Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

What advice has the Department given the Minister concerning the implications under the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) for the five year lease program?

Answer:

The Government introduced legislation to lift the current suspension to the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (RDA) on 25 November 2009. That legislation includes provisions related to the five-year leases.

The Department does not disclose the specific content of advice provided to the Minister on policy matters.

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Question No: 186

- **Topic:** NTER – Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Is the Department aware that documents were leaked to the national Indigenous Times in July this year which said that the Department has warned the Minister that the leases could become illegal under the RDA? Is this the view held within the Department?

Answer:

Please see our response to QoN No. 185.

It is not appropriate for the Department to comment further on this matter.

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Question No: 187

- **Topic:** NTER – Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

In Documents leaked to the Media on the issue, the Department advised that formal consultation would be too expensive and tie up too many resources.

How expensive does the Department estimate the consultation processes would take? Can the Department provide figures?

Answer:

Please see our response to QoN No. 186.

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- **Topic:** NTER – Racial Discrimination Act

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Has the Department considered or modelled the implications of what would happen if the RDA is reinstated and the Government is unable to continue with the five year leases?

Answer:

Please see our response to QoN No. 185.

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Question No: 195

- **Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How many participants of the CDEP scheme have moved to income support after the scheme ended in certain communities?

How much do these participants receive on income support, and how much did they receive on CDEP wages?

Answer:

As at 28 August 2009, 1,515 participants in locations where CDEP ceased or reduced on 30 June 2009 were on income support.

Up until 30 June 2009, CDEP participants were given the opportunity to earn the Average Per Participant (APP) rates as follows:

- (a) for CDEP participants living in Remote Locations:
 - (i) Youth Participants - \$189.70 per week; and
 - (ii) CDEP who were not Youth Participants - \$249.27 per week

- (b) for CDEP participants living in Non-Remote Locations:
 - (i) Youth Participants - \$180.60 per week; and
 - (ii) CDEP Participants who were not Youth Participants - \$224.49 per week

The base rate of Newstart is \$228 per week, however income support payments such as Newstart vary significantly depending on partner status, number of children, allowable income before payments are effected etc. In some circumstances the base income of a person on income support may be less than the base income of a person on CDEP participant payments.

Calculations between participants receiving income support and CDEP participant payments are difficult to make accurately because there are other variables that might apply depending on the income support payment type and individual circumstances

Alignment of CDEP in Income Support important to aligning incentives and creating fairness across system.

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Question No: 219

- **Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program.

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

If no efforts have been made to collect feedback, how is the Department judging the success or otherwise of the new system?

Answer:

The performance of Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program is measured in relation to the Key Performance Indicators in the Portfolio Budget Statements.

Participants located in areas with emerging or established economies where CDEP no longer operates are now serviced by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations funded employment services providers, the Indigenous Employment Program and the new Job Services Australia Network whose performance is measured against their contract arrangements.

With respect to where CDEP is continuing, a CDEP Consultative Group will provide advice and guidance to the Department to identify areas of improvement for the CDEP program, address significant operational issues as they arise and become a forum for sharing information about innovative, successful approaches to service delivery.

Joint regional workshops were held across the country to promote the spirit of the reforms and settle operational issues regarding the CDEP program. These workshops were conducted by the Department and DEEWR and were held during September, October and November 2009 and were attended by both CDEP and Job Services Australia providers.

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Question No: 221

- **Topic:** Indigenous Healing Foundation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

- a) Can the department provide details about when (ie date and time) and where (address) each workshop and forum associated with the Healing Foundation was held?
- b) Is it correct that in some or all of the workshops and forums, a local Indigenous person was selected to help facilitate and run the forums?
- c) Can the department provide a list of these people together with the forums they helped facilitate/run?
- d) On what date was each person approached by the department to facilitate or host a workshop/forum? What was the exact nature of their duties? What information were these people provided with in advance of the forums to explain their duties and responsibilities in the lead up to the forums, on the day and afterwards?

Answer:

- a) Details of when and where workshops and forums conducted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Development Team were held are provided at **Attachment A**. The two day workshops were held over one and a half days, starting at 9.30am on day one and finishing at approximately 12 noon on day two.
- b) Local Indigenous people were approached to facilitate the workshops, except for the Torres Strait Island workshop. This workshop was facilitated by the Development Team member from the Torres Strait. The stakeholder forums were facilitated by the Co-Chairs of the Development Team.
- c) Yes. A list of the facilitators and the forums they facilitated is provided in **Attachment A**.
- d) Where possible, engagement of each Indigenous facilitator occurred approximately two weeks prior to each workshop/forum.

The duties of the facilitators were to work alongside a member of the Development Team on the day and assist the process, by ensuring the workshop/forum kept to the designated schedule, supporting the discussion by being cognisant of the group dynamics and encouraging discussion by participants. Facilitators were also required to assist with the

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process on the day by providing information on any community issues which might impact on the consultation process and outcomes.

Facilitators were provided with venue details, a draft Order of Proceedings and a Discussion Paper which included the questions to be discussed during the workshops and forums. They were invited to attend a pre-workshop meeting with Development Team members on the morning of the workshop.

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALING FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT TEAM
WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS**

Date & Time	State/ Territory	Location	Venues	Indigenous Facilitator
19 May 2009 9.30am-3.30pm	ACT	Canberra – Stakeholder forum	Marques Hotel, 102 Northbourne Ave, ACT 2602	May O’Brien and Greg Phillips
25 - 26 May 2009	WA	Broome	Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort 1 Lullfitz Drive, Cable Beach WA	Eileen Torres
27-28 May 2009	WA	Perth	Esplanade River Suites 112 Melville Parade Como WA	Kim Bridge
1-2 June 2009	NT	Darwin	Airport Inn Cnr Henry Wrigley & Sir Norman Brearley Dr, Marrara NT	Regina Bennett
3-4 June 2009	NT	Alice Springs	Crowne Plaza 82 Barrett Drive, NT	Raelene Martin
11-12 June 2009	QLD	Brisbane	Mecure Hotel Brisbane 85-87 North Quay Brisbane	Anthony Newcastle
22-23 June 2009	Torres Strait Island	Thursday Island	Port Kennedy Hall Thursday Island	Noritta Morseu-Diop
24-25 June 2009	QLD	Townsville	Holiday Inn 334 Flinders Mall Townsville QLD 4810	Florence Onus
26 June 2009 9.30am-5.00pm	QLD	Townsville - Youth Forum	Holiday Inn 334 Flinders Mall	Josephine Bourne

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			Townsville QLD 4810	
29-30 June 2009	SA	Adelaide	Rydges South Park 1 South Terrace, Adelaide SA	Heather Shearer
1 July 2009 9.30am-5.00pm	SA	Adelaide - Stakeholder Forum	Rydges South Park 1 South Terrace, Adelaide SA	Greg Phillips
14-15 July 2009	Victoria	Melbourne	Rydges 186 Exhibition Street Melbourne VIC	William Glenbar
16-17 July 2009	Tasmania	Hobart	Mecure Hotel Hobart 156 Bathurst Street Hobart	Roy Pough
20-21 July 2009	NSW	Sydney	Redfern Community Centre (The Block) Hugo St Redfern NSW	Mark Spinks
22-23 July 2009	NSW	Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra Street Dubbo NSW	Mark Spinks
27-28 July	ACT	Canberra	Pavillion 242 Northbourne Avenue Dickson ACT 2602	Benny Hodges
18 August 2009	WA	Broome	Mercure Inn Continental Broome Cnr Louis and Weld St Broome WA 6725	Eileen Torres
19 August 2009	WA	Perth	Novotel Perth Langley 221 Adelaide Terrace Perth WA 6000	Kim Bridge

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Question No: 236

- **Topic:** National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Why have only 26 sites been chosen as priority sites for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery? When will action be taken on the hundreds of other sites in need?

Answer:

Under the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement resources will be initially concentrated in 26 locations (which include 29 communities) across Australia.

As is described in clause 5 of the National Partnership Agreement, the new remote service delivery model is being established in order to clearly identify service standards, roles and responsibilities and service delivery parameters to ensure that indigenous Australians living in selected remote communities receive and actively participate in services to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

The roll-out of the new model has been confined to an initial tranche of 29 communities to enable the establishment of new service delivery and planning mechanisms in each jurisdiction. This staged approach provides for the sustainable management of the implementation of new the mechanisms in each jurisdiction. As is described in clause 14 of the National Partnership Agreement, the new approach will be rolled-out to other locations in accordance with the sequencing principles in Schedule B.

Government investment and assistance is continuing in other remote communities. This includes access to new housing construction and upgrades, employment programs and CDEP, and the range of normal funding arrangements across the whole of government. Other communities will also have access to the increased resources from other Council of Australian Governments' agreements in areas such as health, housing and education.

The sequencing of investment under the new model to the next tranche of priority communities will be determined through bi-lateral discussions with the State and the Northern Territory governments. No decision has been taken concerning the next tranche of remote priority communities.

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Question No: 237

- **Topic:** National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

What progress has been made in achieving each of the 5 objectives in clause 15 of the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement?

Answer:

The Remote Service Delivery National Partnership (together with other relevant COAG agreements) will contribute to the five objectives referred to in clause 15. As detailed in clause 17 of the National Partnership Agreement, each of the long-term objectives are being achieved and supported by a range of actions.

Progress to date against these actions includes:

- All bi-lateral implementation plans have been agreed;
- Integrated service planning and service delivery mechanisms have been developed in each jurisdiction. Local Boards of Management have been established and have met in each jurisdiction. Regional Operation Centres have been established and Regional Operation Centre Managers are in place. At the community level, recruitment for the Single Government Interface (which includes Government Business Managers and Indigenous Engagement Officers) is well advanced. Government Business Managers will be in place in all locations before Christmas as will many Indigenous Engagement Officers;
- Detailed baseline mapping of social and economic indicators and service and infrastructure gaps has commenced across all communities;
- Community consultations have commenced in all remote priority locations. These consultations are focussing on the development of Local Implementation Plans and work has commenced with communities to ensure suitable local governance and leadership mechanisms are in place to progress the development of the plans. Local Implementation Plans will be progressively developed including with input from communities and the baseline mapping work as it becomes available.

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Question No: 265

- **Topic:** Blank Page Summit

Hansard Page: CA31 & CA58

Senator Payne asked:

Could you provide the costs of attendance of any representatives?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs held three registrations for the Summit at a cost of \$2,450 each, and a total cost of \$7,350.

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Question No: 266

- **Topic:** Blank Page Summit

Hansard Page: CA31

Senator Payne asked:

Were reports provided to either of the departments by those officials who attended? If they were, could the committee possibly have a copy of those?

Answer:

A brief was provided to the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on follow-up action to the Blank Page Summit on Suicide Communiqué released by Ms Mary O'Reeri in Canberra on 17 August 2009.

Any decision to make this brief available to the Committee is a matter for the Minister.

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Question No: 267

- **Topic:** Australian Human Rights Commission Expenditure

Hansard Page: CA33

Senator Payne asked:

Can you provide an itemised breakdown of the amount expended by the Australian Human Rights Commission?

Answer:

Total administered funding approved for the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) for consultations and report on a proposed model for the National Representative Body up to, and including, the public release of the report on 27 August, 2009: **\$733,509**. The breakdown was as follows:

- **\$323,460** for the Adelaide conference in March 2009, and related costs (met by the Department on behalf of the AHRC); and
- **\$410,049** used by the AHRC in supporting the work of the Social Justice Commissioner and the Steering Committee. The categories of expenditure against which it has reported are as follows, with details set out further below:
 - **Direct Commission costs** for Commission staffing, corporate staffing overheads (HR Staff training, IT) and public affairs expenses; and
 - **Direct Project costs** of convening Steering Committee meetings, consultations, research, publications, and other direct administrative costs.

Direct Commission costs:

Staffing costs (including on-costs/overheads):

	2008-09	2009-10 (July-Aug)	<u>Total</u>
	\$177,453	\$12,456	\$189,909

Direct Project Costs

	2008-09	2009-10(July-Aug)	<u>Total</u>
Steering Committee meetings, administration & travel costs	\$31,598	\$42,408	\$74006
Consultations:	\$42,053	\$46,890	\$88943
Publications and dissemination (community guide & report)	\$17,586	\$22,755	\$40341
Steering Committee costs still to be finalised	-	\$11,336	\$11,336
<u>Total:</u>	\$91,237	\$123,389	\$214,626

Total Expenditure across financial years: \$404,535
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SUMMARY

Approved administered funding	\$733,509
Expended on behalf of AHRC – Adelaide conference and related costs	\$323,460
Balance: Funds released to AHRC	\$410, 049
Direct Commission staffing costs	\$189,909
Direct project costs	\$214,626
Total expenditure to August 2009	\$404,535
Balance at August 2009	\$ 5,514

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Question No: 200

- **Topic:** Lease Negotiations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

6 This media release also said that the Ngukurr Traditional Owners in September gave in-principle agreement to a 40-year housing precinct lease. Has this lease now been signed, and if so, how many new houses and housing upgrades/refurbishments will take place in Ngukurr? If not, why has there been a delay and when is it expected that the lease will be signed?

Answer:

Ngukurr traditional owners gave in-principle agreement to a 40 year housing precinct lease on 4 September 2009. This agreement was endorsed by Northern Land Council Full Council on 5 November 2009. The leases will now be prepared for final execution.

An assessment will commence to determine the complete package of works for refurbishments and rebuilds at Ngukurr to take place under SIHIP in early 2010.

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Question No: 214

- **Topic:** Home Ownership - NSW

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Has scoping, planning or construction work commenced on the project yet? If not, when is it expected to begin? Does the Department have a timetable for the project yet?

Answer:

Construction activity commenced in Walgett on 30 November 2009. Construction is expected to be complete in May 2010.

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Question No: 216

- **Topic:** Home Ownership - NSW

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In relation to the \$2.1m provided for housing upgrades in the Walgett area, since the meeting on 9 September 2009, has the Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council accepted the proposal for priority works? If not, is there a timeframe in which their response is expected?

Answer:

Yes, the Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council has endorsed the scope of works for the repairs and maintenance project.

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Question No: 217

- **Topic:** Home Ownership - NSW

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Are works still scheduled to commence at the end of October 2009?

Answer:

Works commenced in Walgett on 30 November 2009.

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Question No: 234

- **Topic:** Income Management

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How many Indigenous families in the Northern Territory are currently subject to income management?

Answer:

In the Northern Territory all people in 73 communities and town camps, who are in receipt of income support payments, are subject to income management. Of the 16,037 people subject to income management at 30 October 2009:

- 5,312 were receiving family assistance in respect of one or more children (suggesting they were primary carers).
- Most of these income managed customers were married or in marriage-like relationship (3,038 or 57.1%).
- Single and Separated income managed customers with children represented 36.3 per cent or 1,928 of clients.
- The remaining 6.5 per cent as primary carers of children were either divorced or widowed.
- There were 10,207 children with a carer subject to income management.

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Question No: 254

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Number of new houses, rebuilds and refurbishments

Hansard Page: CA15

Senator Scullion asked:

Could you provide a list of the communities - community by community—of how many houses in each community would be newly built, how many houses would be refurbished and, if you can, have an indicator of which houses they would be?

Answer:

New houses have been approved for a number of communities under SIHIP and details of these are at Attachment A.

Numbers of refurbishments and rebuilds are determined once the condition of the houses in each community in which SIHIP will carry out works has been assessed and the most effective use of the funding to improve housing functionality has been identified. The numbers of refurbishments and rebuilds in communities where this process has occurred is also at Attachment A.

As the number of new housing for the remaining communities is approved this information will be made publicly available. The numbers of refurbishment and rebuilds for each community will also be publicised following the assessment of housing condition and consultation with that community.

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SIHIP
Number of New Houses, Rebuilds and Refurbishments by Community
Packages Approved and Currently Being Scoped

Package Status	Package Name	Community	New Houses (no.)	Rebuilds (no.)	Refurbishments (no.)	
Approved	Tiwi Islands (stage 1)	Nguiu	29	A minimum of 155 rebuilds and refurbishments		
		Pirlangimpi	0	A minimum of 30 rebuilds and refurbishments		
		Milikapiti	0	A minimum of 30 rebuilds and refurbishments		
	Groote Eylandt (stage 1)	Angurugu	18	A minimum of 75 rebuilds and refurbishments		
		Umbakumba	6			
		Milyakburra	2			
Tennant Creek Town Camps			TBA ¹	78	0	
Being scoped - yet to be approved	Tiwi Islands (stage 2)	Nguiu	61	TBA	TBA	
	Groote Eylandt (stage 2)	Locations across Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra TBC	54	TBA	TBA	
	Maningrida	Maningrida	109	TBA	TBA	
		Warruwi	0	TBA	TBA	
		Minjilang	0	TBA	TBA	
	Galiwinku			90	TBA	TBA
	Gunbalanya			62	TBA	TBA
	Wadeye	Wadeye	105	TBA	TBA	
		Belyuen	0	TBA	TBA	
		Acacia Larrakia	0	TBA	TBA	
		Nganmariyanga	0	TBA	TBA	
		Peppimenarti	0	TBA	TBA	
Alice Springs Town Camps			85	TBA	TBA	
Southern Region Refurbishments (29 communities)			0	TBA	TBA	

Note: Numbers of rebuilds and refurbishments to be undertaken for refurbishment communities in packages yet to be approved are not yet available.

¹ Number of new houses being constructed will be determined pending a needs assessment.

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Question No: 257

- **Topic:** Staffing numbers for FaHCSIA employees in Remote Housing in the Northern Territory.

Hansard Page: CA23

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you provide a table of the overall staff numbers and positions to deliver the NT intervention?

Answer:

The FaHCSIA positions that will work with the Northern Territory Government to deliver Remote Indigenous Housing in the NT are:

Level	Positions
SES Band1	1
Executive Level 2	6
Executive Level 1	6
APS6	1
APS5	1

These positions are responsible for the delivery of Remote Housing services and are not associated with initiatives under the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

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Question No: 249

- **Topic:** Wallaga Lake

Hansard Page: CA4

Senator Payne asked:

Has the federal government, through FaHCSIA or other agencies of which you might be aware, had any involvement with the ombudsman on that issue?

Answer:

Not to our knowledge.

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Question No: 176

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time: Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The First interviews in this study were conducted between April 2008 and February 2009 and are to be continued yearly until 2011.

What happens after the first three years? Is there a commitment to continue this study? If so, by whom?

Answer:

The study has been funded on an ongoing basis with funds allocated every four years. Every fourth year the study is subject to a lapsing review examining the extent to which the study has been effective, appropriate and efficient. The results of the departmental review in 2006 were considered in the Budget context and the decision was made to fund the study on an ongoing basis.

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Question No: 207

- **Topic:** \$25m housing deal with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

On what date did construction begin on the new houses in Amata and Mimili?

Answer:

Construction work commenced in Mimili in August 2009 and work commenced in Amata in September 2009.

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Question No: 215

- **Topic:** Home Ownership - NSW

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

An answer to a question on notice at the last estimates said the funding will be used for projects in Walgett and La Perouse. This is the first time La Perouse has been mentioned in relation to this funding, which was originally earmarked for Indigenous communities in Walgett. Why has La Perouse been added, and has additional funding been provided for this? If additional funding has not been provided, will the expansion of the project to La Perouse mean less funding is available for the Walgett communities?

Answer:

This question refers to the subdivision project being funded through New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council that will eventually extend to cover the 57 inhabited former Aboriginal reserves in New South Wales. La Perouse is one of these 57 former reserves.

Question 213 also refers to this subdivision project where a number of master plans are being developed by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council as a prerequisite to the development of the State Environmental Planning Policy. La Perouse, along with the two Walgett reserves, Gingie and Namoi, are being considered as pilot sites for master planning.

The separate repairs and maintenance project currently underway is concentrated only on houses in Walgett itself and the nearby Gingie and Namoi reserves.

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Question No: 235

- **Topic:** Indigenous

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How many communities still have access to CDEP and which are they?

Answer:

A total of 74 offers of funding were made to 63 organisations to deliver the CDEP program as a result of the 2009-12 CDEP funding submission process in communities as follows:

New South Wales

State	ICC Region	Locations
NSW	Dubbo	Bourke, Weilmoringle, Enngonia and Brewarrina
NSW	Dubbo	Muli Muli, Baryugil and Malabugilmah
NSW	Dubbo	Murrin Bridge, Lake Cargelligo, Ivanhoe, Wilcannia and Menindee
NSW	Dubbo	Lightning Ridge, Mungindi, Pilliga, Walgett, Coonamble, Gulargambone, Goodooga and Collarenebri

Northern Territory

State	ICC Region	Locations
NT	Alice Springs	Atitjere, Bonya, Engawala, Laramba, Lajamanu, Nturiya, Nyirripi, Ti Tree, Pmara Jutunta, Willowra, Wilora, Yuendumu and Yuelamu
NT	Alice Springs	Areyonga, Docker River (Kaltukatjara), Finke (Aputula), Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji), Hermannsburg (Ntaria), Imanpa, Kings Canyon Outstations, Kintore (Walungurru), Mt Liebig (Watiyawanu), Mutitjulu, Papunya, Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte), Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole
NT	Alice Springs	Within 25 kms of the Alice Springs town area including but not exclusively of: Amoonguna, Ilperle Tyathe, Aper-Alwerrkngge, Mount Nancy, Anhelk-Ewlpaye Nyewente, Akngwertharre, Ewyenper-Atwatye, Yarrentye-Arltere, Anthepe, Inarlenge, Ilperenye, Iparpa, Mpwetyerre, Ilpeye Ilpeye, Karnye, Lhenpe, Artnwe, Anhelke and Irrekerlantye
NT	Alice Springs	Tjuwanpa, Palm Valley and surrounding Outstations (Alkngarrintja, Armstrongs, Arrkapa, Camel's Hump, Ipolera, Kaporilya, Katjutari,

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		Kulpitarra, Kwala, Labrapuntja, Litjera, Mbalkanaka, Merral Ntarrakala, Motnas, Ntakrra & Old Station, Lunthara, Undurana, Importna, Ipalala, Liltjera, Lyilalanama, Palm Paddock, Rutjinka, Tnyimipurta, Ulpunda, Yakala, Five Mile, Red Sand Hill and Injartnama)
NT	Darwin	Maningrida, Ankabadbirri, Barrihdjowkeng, Berraja, Bolkdjam, Buluhkaduru, Damdam, Djinkarr, Gamardi, Gochan Jiny-jirra, Gorrong-gorrong, Gupanga, Jarramagorndarra, Ji-balbal, Ji-bena, Ji-malawa, Ji-marda, Kakodbabuldi, Kumurrulu, Kurrurldul, Mankorlod, Kolorbidahdah, Malnjangarnak, Mandedjkadjang, Marrkolidjban, Mewirnbi, Milmilngkan, Mu-gurta, Mumeka, Nadilmuk, Nangak, Naparla, Wurdeja, Yikarrakkal and Yilan
NT	Darwin	Acacia Hills, Acacia Larrakeyah, Adelaide River, Amangal, Batchelor, Belyuen, Bulgul, Darrandarra and Walangurrminy
NT	Darwin	Emu Point, Peppimenarti and Woodycupaldiya.
NT	Darwin	Gamargawan, Gudjekbin, Gumarrirnbag, Kabulwarnamyo, Malgawa, Mamadawerre, Manmoyi and Mikinj
NT	Darwin	Nganmariyanga, Nama, Wadeye and Wudapulli
NT	Darwin	Naiyu
NT	Darwin	Milikapiti, Nguiu, Pirlangimpi and Wurankuwu.
NT	Darwin	Cannon Hill, Djirrbiyak, Jabiru, Kapalga, Mamukala, Manabadurma, Mudginberri, Paradise Farm, Patonga Homestead and Spring Peak
NT	Darwin	Croker Island, Goulbourn Island, Oenpelli, Wilgi and Araru Pt
NT	Katherine	Minyerri/Hodgson River area
NT	Katherine	Rockhole, Binjari, Katherine, Kybrook Farm, Pine Creek, Miali Brumby and Walpiri Transient Camp
NT	Katherine	Borroloola Town Camps, surrounding outstations, and may include Kiana Station
NT	Katherine	Robinson River, Budjana and Kiana Station
NT	Katherine	Barunga, Beswick, Mataranka, Ngukurr, Eva Valley, Jodetluk, Werenbun, Numbulwar, Bulman, Weemol and Jilkminggan
NT	Katherine	Amanbidji, Bulla, Daguragu, Kalkaringi, Myatt, Pigeon Hole, Timber Creek & Town Camps, Victoria River, Wave Hill, Yarralin and outstations in the region
NT	Nhulunbuy	Angurugu, Donydji, Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Milyakburra, Umbukumba and Yirkala
NT	Nhulunbuy	25 identified Laynhapuy Homelands locations: Bukdual, Balma, Barraratjpi, Barrikira, Bawaka, Buymarr, Burrum, Dhalinybuy, Dhuruputjpi, Djarrakpi, Galkila, Gangan, Garrthalala, Gurrumuru, Gurrkawuy, Gatjangan, Mirnatja, Rurrungala, Wandawuy, Yangunbi,

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		Yilpara, Yuduyudu, Raymangirr, Yalkun and Balabalay
NT	Nhulunbuy	Port Bradshaw, Garrathiya, Gunyangara, Dhanaya and Birany Birany
NT	Nhulunbuy	Banthula, Dhambala, Dhayiri, Dhudupu, Djurranalpi, Galawarra, Galiwin'ku, Ganpurra, Garriyak, Gawa, Gikal, Gitan, Gulumarri, Mapuru, Matamata, Muthamul, Nanginyburra, Ngayawili, Nyinyikay, Rorruwuy and Wunpirri
NT	Nhulunbuy	Yathalamarra, Walkabimirri, Galadjapin, Ngangalala, Garanydjirr, Gulpulul, Dippiri, Mulgurram, Gilleri, Mangberrie, Gatji, Bundathari and Ramingining Community
NT	Tennant Creek	Elliott, Ali Curung, Murray Downs, Ampilatawatja, Hatches Creek, Canteen Creek, Tara, Ten Mile, Epenarra, Mungkaarta, Kalinjarri, Kalipitapita and Utopia homelands
NT	Tennant Creek	Tennant Creek, Alroy, Blue Bush, Burudu, Bush Camp, Cabbage Gum, Connells Lagoon, Corella Creek, Greenwood, Ilawarru, Imperenth, Kalinjarri, Kalumpurla, Kumunu, Kurntalparra (Frewena), Karraya, Likkaparta, Muckaty, Mungalawurru, Murtalki, Muran Murula, Myil Purnu, Namerinni, Ngapagunpa, Nguyarminni, Pingala, Pukawurra, Pultalki, Wakurlpa, Wangalingi, Wittin, Wogyala and Wunara
NT	Tennant Creek	Alpurrurulam, Ooratippra and Irramarne

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State	ICC Region	Locations
QLD	Cairns	Croydon, Chillagoe, Mt Garnett, Laura, Coen and Wujal Wujal
QLD	Cairns	Aurukun
QLD	Cairns	Napranum and Mapoon
QLD	Cairns	Hope Vale, Lockhart River and Pormpuraaw
QLD	Cairns	Kowanyama
QLD	Cairns	New Mapoon, Injinoo, Umagico, Seisia and Bamaga
QLD	Mt Isa	Normanton and surrounds
QLD	Mt Isa	Mornington Island
QLD	Mt Isa	Burketown, Bidunggu, Dajarra, Camooweal, Boulia, Marmanya, Urandangie, Bedourie, Birdsville and Doomadgee and surrounds
QLD	Rockhampton	Woorabinda
QLD	Roma	Cherbourg
QLD	Roma	Cunnamulla
QLD	Townsville	Palm Island

South Australia

State	ICC Region	Locations
SA	Port Augusta	Coober Pedy, Oodnadatta, Marree, Copley, Iga Warta, Nipapanha, Yappila and Hawker
SA	Port Augusta	Amata, Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Watinuma, Ernabella and surrounding homelands, Yunyarinyi, Nyapari, Kanpi, Kalka, Pipalyatjara and Watarru
SA	Ceduna	Oak Valley (Maralinga)
SA	Ceduna	Scotdesco
SA	Ceduna	Ceduna and surrounding communities including Koonibba and Tia Tuckia
SA	Ceduna	Yalata

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Tasmania

State	ICC Region	Locations
TAS	Tasmania	Flinders Island, Thule Farm, Lady Barron and Cape Barren Island

Western Australia

State	ICC Region	Locations
WA	Broome	North Zone including Ardyaloon, Djarindjin & Lombadina Communities and surrounding outstations; Central Zone including Beagle Bay Community and surrounding outstations; South Zone including Bidyadanga Community and surrounding outstations
WA	Derby	Derby (which includes Budulah, Djimung Nguda, Burrinunga, Karlmulinunga, Derby and Mowanjum communities)
WA	Derby	Jarlmadangah, Balginjirr, Bedunburru, Pandanus Park, Mt Anderson and Udialla
WA	Derby	Wangkatjungka, Ngumpan and Kupartiya
WA	Derby	Fitzroy Valley Communities
WA	Derby	Looma, Derby and Gibb River Road
WA	Derby	Yungngora, Bidajul, Mingalkala and Parkal Springs
WA	Geraldton	Mullewa, Morawa, Yalgoo, Perenjori, Carnamah, Three Springs, Mingenew, Nabawa, Pia Wajarri Community, Mt Wittenoon Station, Kardaloo Community and Barrell Well Community
WA	Geraldton	Burringurrah Aboriginal Community and Gascoyne Junction
WA	Geraldton	Carnarvon and Shark Bay
WA	Geraldton	Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Cue, Sandstone, Yulga Jinna Community and Buttah Windee Community
WA	Kalgoorlie	Warburton, Wanarn, Warakurna, Irruntju, Mantamuru, Cosmo Newberry, Papulankutja, Patjarr, Kiwirrkurra, Tjirrkarli and Tjurkurla

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WA	Kalgoorlie	Condinup, Norseman, Menzies, Leonora, Laverton, Kookynie, Moropoi Station, Pinjin Station, AMOS, Nurra Kurramunoo, Wiluna, Kutkabubba, Windidda and Karalundi
WA	Kalgoorlie	Tjuntjuntjarra Community
WA	Kununurra	Wyndham and surrounds, Oombulgurri, Kalumburu, Mulan, Balgo and Billiluna
WA	Kununurra	Halls Creek and surrounds, Kununurra and surrounds, Ringer Soak and Warmun and surrounds
WA	Port Headland	Punmu, Kunawarriritji, Parnngurr, Youngaleena, Marble Bar, Nullagine, Warralong, Jigalong, Onslow and Ngurawaana
WA	Port Headland	Yandeyarra

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Question No: 263

- **Topic:** Cultural Centre in Laura

Hansard Page: CA 27

Senator Ian McDonald asked:

Where is it all at from the Commonwealth's point of view?

Answer:

The Commonwealth and Queensland governments have for some time supported a merger of the Quinkan Regional and Cultural Centre (QRCC) and Ang Gnarra Aboriginal Corporation (Ang Gnarra) with the goal of creating a single, commercially viable Indigenous community organisation at Laura.

Merger discussions commenced in early 2007, with a Laura Working Group established to develop a model for a new entity. In 2008, the Cairns Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC), provided a grant of \$15,000, through the QRCC, to assist with planning and potential transitional costs. The Working Group recently concluded a due diligence process in relation to both organisations in preparation for the merger.

The Department continues to be supportive of measures to improve governance and service delivery arrangements in the township of Laura and is presently involved in negotiations with Ang Gnarra and the Queensland Department of Communities regarding the transition of social housing arrangements.

The new tenancy management arrangements will result in significant upgrades to Indigenous housing and associated new roads and drainage works. This should indirectly benefit the QRCC through improvements in the health and well being of local residents and a marked improvement in the physical appearance of the community.

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Question No: 273

- **Topic:** Indigenous - CDEP

Hansard Page: CA56-57

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you provide the number of people who came off CDEP in Western Australia, the number who transitioned into job placements and the number that went on to New Start or any other income support?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2009, there were 256 CDEP participants in locations where CDEP was ceasing and or reducing in Western Australia.

Of the 256 participants, 186 transitioned to Income Support and these people would be engaged in services appropriate to their participation requirements under their relevant income support payments.

The remaining 70 participants have either chosen not to apply for income support and have therefore not reengaged with government services, are not eligible for Income Support for reasons such as spouse earnings, parental income test or assets, or may have found employment.

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Question No: 177

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time (Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How much funding is committed to continue the study and what date is it committed to?

Answer:

The following table shows the funding for the study as stated in the Portfolio Budget Statements (dollar figures as per the relevant PBS):

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Ongoing
2007-08 PBS	\$2,195,000	\$2,218,000	\$2,222,000	\$2,236,000	\$2,236,000
Ongoing from 03-04 PBS	\$763,000	\$763,000	\$763,000	\$763,000	\$763,000

As indicated above, the study has ongoing funding.

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Question No: 178

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time (Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Can the Department please provide a list of the dates and places of LSIC Steering Committee meetings? Are steering committee members paid? If so, how much and how often?

Answer:

The LSIC Steering Committee met in Canberra on the following dates:

1. 31 October 2003
2. 12 March 2004
3. 3-4 August 2004
4. 14 December 2004
5. 8 March 2005
6. 6-7 June 2005
7. 27 September 2005
8. 14 December 2005
9. 1 March 2006
10. 5-6 September 2006
11. 4 June 2007
12. 4 September 2007
13. 4 December 2007
14. 8 April 2008
15. 12 August 2008
16. 29 April 2009
17. 7 July 2009
18. 20 October 2009.

Steering Committee members (excluding Commonwealth Public Servants) are paid sitting fees in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal's *Determination 2009/14: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time, Public Office* (tier 2) which is currently at the daily fee of \$510 for the chairman and \$377 for members. Members are paid for each meeting they attend.

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Question No: 179

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time (Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Can the Department please provide the number and gender of Research Administration Officers by site visited? It appears that very few of the Research Administration Officers are male. If this is the case, is this deliberate? Did the low number of male interviews hamper data collection?

Answer:

For Wave 2 data collection, there were 12 Research Administration Officers in the field conducting interviews with additional staff in National Office travelling to a range of locations as required. The distribution by site and gender is set out below.

Site	Gender
Brisbane	Female x 2
Mt Isa	Female
Darwin/Katherine/ Galiwinku/Mt Isa/Domadgee/Normanton	Female
South Coast, New South Wales	Female
Shepparton	Male
Western Sydney	Female
Dubbo	Female x 2
Adelaide	Female
Thursday Island/ Northern Peninsula Area	Female x2
National Office staff who conduct interviews across all areas	Female x 3 Male x1

The positions of Research Administration Officers are non ongoing positions and were advertised externally to FaHCSIA. All successful applicants were selected using a merit selection process.

While the majority of interviewers are female, if requested interviews may be conducted by a male National Office staff member. Due to cultural sensitivities, participants are advised who will be conducting the interviews and they may request a male or female interviewer, if they have a preference.

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Question No: 180

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time (Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Sixty per cent of the study cohort receive their income through wages and salary. Is this comparable to overall employment statistics for the indigenous population?

Answer:

Study results show that 40 per cent of the families listed a wage or salary as the main source of household income. Where the main carer of the Study Child was partnered, this proportion rose to 60 per cent, in contrast with 20 per cent for unpartnered main carers. While LSIC is not a nationally representative study, as it collected from only 11 sites, the overall figure is comparable with published statistics for the Indigenous population. According to data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, in 2006 around 45 per cent of Indigenous people aged 15-64 years were employed (*The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2008*, p. 10).

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Question No: 182

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time (Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Will the results of this LSIC be comparable with those of the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children?

Answer:

Many of the LSIC questions are either replicated or adapted from the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC). There are, however, methodological differences that must be taken into account; most importantly that LSIC is not a representative study. It is collected in only 11 sites with a roughly even distribution across urban, rural and remote locations. Therefore results from LSIC cannot be deemed representative of the whole Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, whereas the LSAC sample is considered representative of the Australian population. It should also be noted that LSAC does not collect any data from families in remote communities.

While it will be possible to compare the responses to particular questions between LSIC and LSAC, however it will not be possible to generalise these as indicators of similarities or differences between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

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Question No: 196

- **Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Is the Department aware of comments such as the Mayor of Yarrabah, Cr Percy Neal, who says that his entire community will be affected by the changes and that it will create a \$7 million hole in community funding? Does the Department agree with this assessment?

Answer:

The Department is aware of Mayor Neal's comments. The \$7 million funding he refers to concerns the amount of CDEP funding that was provided in 2008-09, prior to the program ceasing to be available in Yarrabah.

The majority of this funding was for CDEP wages for participants. However, the changes to employment servicing in Yarrabah has not created a \$7m hole as former CDEP participants who have not obtained employment have moved to income support instead of CDEP wages and the Government continues to fund the delivery of expanded employment services through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) programs such as Job Services Australian and Indigenous Employment Program. As such, although funding for CDEP has ceased the costs of providing employment services and payments to former CDEP participants has shifted.

You may also wish to note:

1. The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council has also been successful in their tender to become an IEP provider and are now on the DEEWR panel.
2. DEEWR has funded a 200 place Structured Training and Employment Projects Employment Related Services (STEP ERS) project through The Learning Workshop which has been successful in assisting with the transition to Job Services Australia providers and other training and the Council is currently discussing further IEP opportunities with DEEWR
3. A full time officer has been employed since May 2009 to assist the Council with the change process.
4. Two six-month positions have been established in the Council to assist individuals transition from CDEP to Job Services Australia providers,

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5. Staff in the Cairns Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) has been working closely with the community and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council since the reforms to the CDEP program were announced on 19 December 2008 to ensure ongoing support and to identify opportunities outside the CDEP program.
6. The Department together with DEEWR, Centrelink, and the Queensland State Government and relevant service providers continue to work constructively with the Council and the broader Yarrabah community.

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Question No: 218

- **Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Since the CDEP reforms came into effect on 1 July this year, has the Department made any efforts to collect feedback from (former) CDEP users – either former employees or employers?

If it has, how was that feedback collected and can the Department make it available to the committee, either in whole or summary form?

If it has not, has it otherwise received feedback from (former) CDEP users – either former employees or employers, and can the Department make the feedback available to the committee, either in whole or summary form?

Answer:

The Department has not sought nor received feedback from former participants or employers. These participants are located in areas with emerging or established economies where CDEP no longer operates and employment services are now provided by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Indigenous Employment Program and the new Job Services Australia Network.

The Department has established a new CDEP Consultative Group to provide advice on the CDEP Program, particularly on operational improvements to the program, with a focus on the delivery of effective and innovative training, work readiness activities and community development projects. It also provides an important forum for sharing information about successful approaches to service delivery in remote Indigenous communities.

Nine representatives from CDEP Providers and four people with strong experiences in community development, remote work readiness or corporate governance have been appointed to the Group.

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Question No: 213

- **Topic:** Home Ownership - NSW

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In answer to a question on notice about the progress of this work at the last estimates, the Department said that they could not commence any work, including scoping or planning work, until the NSW Government had implemented its State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), expected in July 2009. What progress has been made since then? Has the SEPP been implemented?

Answer:

The NSW Department of Planning has sought detailed information from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council on master plans for the pilot sites prior to developing the State Environmental Planning Policy. The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has advised that a tender process for the master plans should be completed by the end of January 2010.

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Question No: 233

- **Topic:** Violence Summit

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Have all the 2006 Violence Summit initiatives now been implemented in full? If not please detail the current state of progress for each initiative and when each is expected to be completed.

Answer:

Although the Violence Summit took place in June 2006, final proposals were not agreed with States and Territories until the second half of 2007 and there was no progress on those proposals requiring construction until 2008 or later.

Progress by States and Territories in implementing those post-2006 Violence Summit initiatives funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), and which were subject to agreed milestones being reached, is as follows:

Northern Territory

- Construction of a new police station and officer accommodation at Galiwinku is complete and the station is operating.
- Construction of a safe house in Wadeye, to provide short-term accommodation for people experiencing domestic violence is underway. FaHCSIA has been advised that completion is expected in March 2010.
- Construction of a staff house (collocated with the safe house) in Wadeye is underway and FaHCSIA has been advised that completion is expected in March 2010.
- A community patrol program in Milikapiti has been fully implemented.
- Funding has enabled the recruitment and training of Indigenous facilitators in remote communities to deliver programs to perpetrators and victims of family violence.

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New South Wales

- Funding has enabled employment of five Aboriginal Family Linkage Workers in Brewarrina, Bourke, Lightning Ridge, Walgett, and Wilcannia to assess families entering safe houses and to develop safety plans at regional and local level. This forms part of the Orana Far West Child and Family Partnership Development program, which is funded primarily by the NSW Department of Human Services.
- Funding has enabled the creation of a pool of accredited workers and community members to facilitate community education and long term community developments programs in four communities ([Wallaga Lake](#), [Toomelah](#)/Boggabilla and Mt Druitt). Projects are in progress in four communities and also aim to improve the relationship between service providers and the community by increasing awareness, knowledge and understanding around child sexual abuse, other child protection issues and family violence. Projects are expected to be completed by end September 2010.
- Funding has been earmarked to employ Aboriginal Family Workers in the greater west of NSW to facilitate community development related to addressing family violence. The NSW Government is currently preparing a revised proposal for consideration by FaHCSIA, which is expected to link this initiative with the recently announced Safe Families initiative.
- Funding has been allocated for three Aboriginal Community Liaison Offices are employed by the NSW Police Office in Lake Cargelligo, Port Stephens, Tweed Heads and Albury. Four positions were advertised and three positions have been filled (Lake Cargelligo, Tweed Heads and Port Stephens). NSW Police has advised that the fourth funded position in Albury will be re-advertised shortly.
- Funding has been allocated for projects in Wallaga Lake, Toomelah/Bogabilla, Nowra and Mt Druitt to improve the relationship between family and health services providers and the community by increasing awareness, knowledge and understanding around child sexual abuse, other child protection issues and family violence. The projects provide community education and child protection plans to Indigenous communities impacted by family violence. The projects have been implemented in all nominated areas and are expected to be ongoing until September 2010.

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Queensland

- Construction of additional police housing in Pormpuraaw has been completed
- Construction of additional police housing in Lockhart River has been completed.
- Construction of additional police housing in Aurukun has been completed.
- Since 2008, FaHCSIA has funded temporary container accommodation to allow for the stationing of additional police in Woorabinda. The site for permanent additional police housing in Woorabinda has been secured and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) advises that completion of construction is expected by September 2010.
- Additional police officers have been recruited for Mornington Island and accommodated through temporary arrangements pending completion of construction of permanent accommodation, which the QPS advises is expected in June 2010.
- Additional police officers have been recruited for Doomadgee and accommodated through temporary arrangements while negotiations continue on an Indigenous Land Use Agreement to allow construction of additional police housing. The QPS advises that, subject to agreement, the project will be completed by September 2010.
- Funding has been provided to the Queensland Department of Child Safety as part of a joint initiative to fund Mission Australia's Yungaburra Child Safety facilities. The facilities consist of five homes to assist Indigenous families and children from West Cape York in stressful circumstances.

Western Australia

- Construction of a multifunction police facility in Blackstone, servicing the communities of Blackstone, Wingellina and Jamieson in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, is complete and the facility is operating.
- Visiting officer accommodation is complete in Bidyadanga and staff from various agencies, including specialist police officers and child protection officers, are using the facilities to increase on the ground service delivery.
- Construction of modular multifunction police facilities and accommodation in Burringurrah has been completed off-site and are in storage waiting registration of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the community, which will allow on-site assembly. Onsite assembly is expected to begin in April 2010.
- Construction of modular multifunction police facilities and accommodation in Looma has been completed off-site and are in storage waiting registration of the Indigenous

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Land Use Agreement with the community, which will allow on-site assembly. The WA Government has advised that it expects the facility to be operational by July 2010.

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- Construction of the police complex and associated infrastructures at Amata and Mimili are complete.
- FaHCSIA has been advised that the estimated completion date of the construction of the police complex and associated infrastructure at Ernabella is March 2010.
- The Ceduna Family Violence Strategy has been implemented. This involved a safe house for Indigenous women and children fleeing violence, training of workers in family violence prevention programs, Family Wellbeing and Family Support programs, and community education on the negative impacts of family violence on the community.

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Question No: 246

- **Topic:** Wallaga Lake Outreach Centre

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Can FAHCSIA provide any information about the outcome of around \$500,000 in Federal funding granted to the Eurobodalla Shire Council in NSW in 2007 for the construction of a Wallaga Lake Outreach Centre, a centre which would provide health and other services to the Aboriginal Community at Wallaga Lake? FAHCSIA, DOHA and DEEWR all contributed funding to the Centre.

Has the Centre now been built, and if not, why not and when can the residents of Wallaga Lake expect the Centre to be built?

Answer:

The Eurobodalla Shire Council has advised the Department that refurbishment of the Outreach Centre will commence in the week beginning Monday 18 January 2010. Work is expected to be completed by late April 2010.

A co-ordinator has been employed to manage the delivery of outreach services from the Centre and a Steering Committee has also been established to oversee the project and provide guidance to the coordinator.

The project was delayed because of the need for negotiations with the Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council about the relative benefits of building a new centre or refurbishing an existing building. The Land Council ultimately chose the refurbishment option.

The discovery of asbestos at Wallaga Lake, including in the Outreach Centre, also contributed to delays and FaHCSIA is providing an additional grant to remove asbestos from the Outreach Centre.

Finally, the Eurobodalla Shire Council and Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council also had to negotiate a lease which has now been agreed.

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Question No: 252

Topic: National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing

Hansard Page: CA13

Senator Scullion asked:

Can you please provide a copy of the agreement to the committee?

Answer:

Implementation Plans for all jurisdictions are being revised following the decision of the Council of Australian Governments on 7 December 2009 to renegotiate the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

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Question No: 260

- **Topic:** Housing in Jigalong

Hansard Page: CA26

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you provide more information on the housing issues in Jigalong?

Answer:

It is expected that five units for aged people will be constructed in Jigalong by 30 June 2010. Further works beyond 2009-10 are the subject of negotiation between the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments. The housing needs for Jigalong will be considered along with other remote Indigenous communities in Western Australia.

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Question No: 262

- **Topic:** Implementation Plans

Hansard Page: CA26-27

Senator Payne asked:

Can you provide a copy of the plans?

Answer:

Implementation Plans are being revised following the decision of the Council of Australian Governments on 7 December 2009 to renegotiate the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

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Question No: 274

- **Topic:** Indigenous - CDEP

Hansard Page: CA57

Senator Siewert asked:

I have been told there are a number who came off and have gone on to income support and have not found job placements, can you please provide further details on this?

Answer:

On 1 July 2009, 126 people moved from CDEP onto income support payments and remained continuously on income support up until 30 September 2009 in Western Australia.

If these people are in receipt of an income support payment with a participation requirement they would have been referred to Job Services Australia for employment services. This would include the requirement to enter into an Employment Pathway Plan that would outline their participation requirements including job search, training and work experience activities to be provided by the Job Services Australia provider to help them gain employment.

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Question No: 211

- **Topic:** Housing in Queensland

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Is the department aware of an article which appeared in the Australian on 2 October 2009 which said, with reference to Queensland, that Federal and State Governments are failing to enforce supposedly binding deals with contractors to employ 20% Indigenous Labour on all housing projects in remote Indigenous? What is the department's view of this report?

Answer:

Yes, the Department is aware of this article.

The reporting requirement is based on the Indigenous Employment Policy for Queensland Government Building and Civil Construction Projects (IEP 20% Policy) and is a whole of government policy in Queensland which all state agencies are required to follow.

Under the implementation arrangements for the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing, all jurisdictions including Queensland, have agreed a target of 20 per cent local Indigenous employment for all new housing construction activity over the life of the program. FaHCSIA will be closely monitoring progress against this target through regular reports from state government agencies at Joint Steering Committee meetings.

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Question No: 212

- **Topic:** Housing in Queensland

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Does the department keep records about the number and percentage of local Indigenous people employed on these projects in Queensland, and if so, can this information be made available to the committee? If not, why not and what is the point of a target on Indigenous employment if there is not attempt or indeed no inclination to monitor its achievement.

Answer:

Reporting on employment targets is a requirement of state governments and the Northern Territory under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing. Final employment outcomes for FY 2009-10 will not be available until after the completion of the financial year.

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Question No: 259

- **Topic:** Housing targets under the NPARIH

Hansard Page: CA24

Senator Payne asked:

Can you provide any figures after 2009-10?

Answer:

Capital works targets beyond FY 2009-10 will be determined by the new competitive bid process that is part of the renegotiation of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) agreed by COAG on 7 December 2009.

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Question No: 181

- **Topic:** Footprints in Time: Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Are the findings in Wave 1 of the study fed back to interviewed families? If so, please provide some information about the responses?

Answer:

All participants received the Wave 1 Community Feedback Booklet and DVD, and a Fact Sheet containing an overview of the Wave 1 findings for the area they were living in at the time of the interview.

These documents were distributed in mid December 2009. We have received several requests for copies of the 2010 calendar distributed with these documents, however no responses to the findings as yet. The Research Administration Officers based in LSIC study sites will commence interviewing families for Wave 3 data collection in March 2010 and families may provide responses to the Wave 1 feedback at this time.

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Question No: 253

- **Topic:** SIHIP – Administration costs for FaHCSIA employees in the Northern Territory

Hansard Page: CA14 and CA23

Senator Siewert asked:

Could you provide the administration costs for having people in the NT?

Answer:

When recruitment is finalised there will be 15 staff in the Australian Government team that will work with the Northern Territory Government to manage the Northern Territory's Remote Housing program. It is estimated that salary and administration costs for the Australian Government team in the 2009-10 financial year will be \$1.6 million.

This team will work on all remote Indigenous housing programs, not just the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP). This includes Property and Tenancy Management matters.

Costs for these Australian Government staff are funded from within FaHCSIA departmental sources and are not drawn from the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing which provides the majority of funding for SIHIP.

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Question No: 261

- **Topic:** Overcrowding in the Kimberley

Hansard Page: Written

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8 **Senator Siewert** asked:

Could provide on notice where houses are going and the time lines?

Answer:

The Commonwealth Government is currently funding three housing projects in the Kimberley region.

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, the Commonwealth has agreed plans for initial capital works in Kimberley communities for 2009-10. It is expected that 53 houses will be constructed and 116 refurbishments will be completed in the region by 30 June 2010. The following communities will receive either new housing or refurbishments:

- Ardyaloon
- Beagle Bay
- Bidyadanga
- Bungardi
- Darlgunaya
- Djugerari
- Kalumburu
- Kupungarri
- Kurnangki
- Mardiwah Loop
- Nicholson Block
- Pandanus Park
- Parukupan
- Warmun
- Wirrimanu
- Yardgee
- Yiyili

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Further works beyond 2009-10, across Western Australia, are the subject of negotiation between the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments.

Under the National Partnership Agreement on the East Kimberley Development Package, the Commonwealth has allocated \$50 million for social and transitional housing in Kununurra and Wyndham. Construction of up to 100 dwellings is planned through the package and the project implementation plan for these works is currently being developed between the Commonwealth Government and Western Australian Government.

The National Partnership Agreement for the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan is also providing funding for housing in the Kimberley region. Construction of 18 dwellings in Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing and Kununurra has commenced as part of the Stage One construction program and is due for completion by 30 June 2010.

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Question No: 203

- **Topic:** \$25m housing deal with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In answer to a question on notice at Budget Estimates, FaHCSIA said 42 new houses would be constructed in the initial phase of the project. But in answer to a question on notice at Additional Estimates in February, FaHCSIA said:

“Under the \$25 million housing project the SA Government has estimated that 48 new houses could be constructed...the SA Government intends that the first stage of this work will involve the construction of 26 houses with the remaining work being completed under a subsequent tender.”

Can you explain the difference in these figures?

Answer:

Initial advice from the South Australian Government in February 2009 estimated that 48 houses could be delivered over the life of the project for \$25 million, depending on the mix of housing to be constructed and the level of site servicing required. A tender identified that 46 new houses (including 4 transportable houses) together with temporary builders accommodation could be delivered for \$23.97 million. The balance of the \$1.03 million will be directed toward additional new houses as part of the new National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing.

The additional funding delivered under the National Partnership Agreement has resulted in a substantial increase in the level of funding and the number of houses that will be constructed in the APY Lands. A construction schedule has been agreed with the South Australian Government to deliver 44 new houses by June 2010, 17 new houses by June 2011 and a further 54 new houses by 2012. As a result, in total 115 houses are expected to be delivered on the APY Lands by 2012.

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Question No: 204

- **Topic:** \$25m housing deal with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

If \$23.97 million of this \$25 million project will be spent in the initial phase of work associated with the first tender, what will be the value of the second tender? Will the project in fact cost more than \$25 million?

Answer:

Please refer to the response to Question 203.

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Question No: 205

- **Topic:** \$25m housing deal with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Will the second tender involve more house construction? If so, where will the funding for this extra work come from?

Answer:

Please refer to the response to Question 203.

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Question No: 206

- **Topic:** \$25m housing deal with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What is the cost of each of the 48 new houses to be built in the first phase of work?

Answer:

The cost of houses under the first phase of construction activity ranges from \$306,000 to \$456,000.

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Question No: 208

- **Topic:** \$25m housing deal with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

When will construction begin on the remaining 15 houses begin? (48 total, 33 underway)

Answer:

Construction works have commenced on all 44 houses scheduled for completion by June 2010. Construction will commence progressively on other housing for the APY Lands in accordance with the schedule outlined in the response to Question 203.

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Question No: 209

- **Topic:** Housing in Queensland

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

In answer to a question on notice at the last estimates FaHCSIA said some upgrade work had begun and “more substantive work” would commence “in coming months” as ICHOs moved to the new arrangements. Can you provide an update on this? How many ICHOs have now formally transferred to the new arrangements, how many are outstanding and why?

Answer:

To date 18 ICHOs are transitioning to the new arrangements under Queensland Government’s One Social Housing System (OSHS).

Arrangements are well progressed with a further six ICHOs that have indicated a strong intention to transition but decisions have not been formalised. Five ICHOs have declined to join, seven others are deregistered or under regulatory action and many of the undecided 46 ICHOs have been given extensions to make a formal decision.

All upgrade work for one ICHO has been completed. Furthermore urgent repairs and maintenance have been undertaken by the Queensland Government on the properties of 14 ICHOs. Work scopes to upgrade 360 houses belonging to 15 housing organisations have now been completed.

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Question No: 210

- **Topic:** Housing in Queensland

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

How much work has been conducted on houses so far, and has the “more substantive work” referred to in answer to my question on notice at the last estimates now begun?

Answer:

Refer to the response under Question No 209.