

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Remote Jobs and Communities Programs

Question

Ms Taylor: No. The process Ms Kidd is talking about is a very broad process. The 80 communities are in the 65 remote locations that have been identified and, within some of those locations, we are going to more than one community and there are also consultations in capital cities as well.

Senator SCULLION: Ms Kidd, when you did the original consultations did you have perhaps a framework of documents or PowerPoint presentations that you gave to the communities, so we can have some appreciation of whether or not we are saying, 'This is what you are going to get. What do you think about it?' Or was it more a case of, 'These are some issues'? How did you engage with the community in trying to understand what their feelings about those issues were? If you could provide me with some of that material—on notice if not today—that would obviously be very useful.

Answer

The consultations, which took place in August and September 2011, invited comment on a discussion paper, *The Future of Remote Participation and Employment Servicing Arrangements*. It can be found at www.deewr.gov.au/rsr, and a copy is attached.

The discussion with people in remote communities and with other stakeholders including providers and community leaders was based on two presentations, which sought views on the future of remote participation and employment services:

- Information for communities and individuals; and
- Information for potential providers and other stakeholders.

Copies of these presentations available at:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Consultation/Pages/RemoteJobsCommunitiesProgram.aspx> and hard copies are provided.