

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Could you provide information on the extent of the gap in outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory as compared with other States and Territories?

**Answer:**

In most instances average socio-economic outcomes are considerably worse for Indigenous people in the NT than in any other jurisdiction. This is shown in various reports including COAG Reform Council (CRC) Reports on the National Indigenous Reform Agreement and in the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage (OID) Reports. The CRC Reports are available at <http://www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au/> while the OID report is available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/indigenous/key-indicators-2011>.

It is the case that outcomes for Indigenous Australians in remote areas in other jurisdictions are also often poor; however, there is a key demographic difference between the NT and other jurisdictions. In the NT around 80 per cent of all Aboriginal citizens live in remote or very remote areas - this is a much higher proportion than for any other jurisdiction.