Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Financial Wellbeing Service: APY Lands

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Senator Siewert asked:

Does the Department have any plans to extend this service to other APY communities? If so, when will this happen? If not, why not?

Answer:

The Government is providing \$1.22 million over three years for a Financial Wellbeing Service in Amata and Mimili, to help people build their money management skills and provide one-on-one support, including financial counselling and financial literacy education.

The implementation of the Financial Wellbeing Service in Amata and Mimili forms part of the Government's commitment to the Remote Service Delivery initiative.

MoneyMob Talkabout, a mobile financial literacy education unit, was deployed to the APY Lands in September 2011, and will continue to operate throughout the APY lands as a supplementary service to the Financial Wellbeing Service.