

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 283

**Topic:** Youth in Communities

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

On p. 148 of budget paper 2, it states that the Government will “continue support for the Youth in Communities program in 30 priority communities.” Will there be capacity for new communities to access this funding under the current arrangements?

**Answer:**

The Department has recently undertaken a direct tender process with existing Youth in Communities (YIC) providers for the continuation of services for a further two years.

Under the Stronger Futures Wellbeing Package funding is committed for YIC services for a further 10 years. YIC will over time be incorporated into the remote Communities for Children arrangements with a broader plan currently being developed.