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Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

The budget includes \$14 million of existing funding over 3 years to support governance and leadership development in communities in the NT, including building capacity of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to be involved in the delivery of services and provide more opportunities to “develop personal, family and community leadership”. How will these funds be allocated to communities and organisations and what steps will the Government take to ensure Aboriginal peoples are involved in decision making about how these funds are allocated?

Answer:

The Government has committed \$14 million to support capacity building of organisations in the Northern Territory to participate in a number of programs, such as the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, the Communities for Children program and other community safety programs. It will also be used to build the capacity of communities across the Northern Territory.

It is proposed to consult with Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, and organisations and forums that represent them, in settling the operating model to be used in allocating these funds.