

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SENATE ESTIMATES SESSION

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: In remote communities. Is it over 300 remote communities across the states you described?

Ms Carroll: Yes.

Mr Sowry: Yes, that is correct. It is in the order of about 300 communities.

Senator WONG: Right. Would it be, maybe, 40,000 Indigenous Australians affected? Would that be about right?

Mr Sowry: It is under 30,000, by our reckoning.

Senator WONG: I have 38,000. Do you want to take that on notice?

Mr Sowry: We will.

Answer:

As at 4 June 2014, the Department estimates that the population serviced under the Municipal and Essential Services Programme in Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania is 27,400.

Population estimates are based on official data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and state government sources, as well as local knowledge from the Department's state and network offices.

This figure is necessarily approximate only and could vary over time.