

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Indigenous Advancement Strategy

Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

1. What is the relationship between the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy and the Closing the Gap framework?

2. According to the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Indigenous Advancement Strategy comes into effect on 1 July 2014 and will be rolled out over the next 12 months.
 - a. Could the department provide details of how existing programmes will be transitioned into the five new streams?
 - b. Once the five new streams come into effect on 1 July 2014, will all existing programmes currently on transitional funding agreements be allocated to one of the five new programme streams?
 - c. Could the Department provide a list of programmes as they will be organised under each of the five new programmes?
 - d. How has the department determined the reallocation of funding into the five new programmes? What was the process involved in the reallocation of programme funding?
 - e. How have funding agreements been mapped to the new programme structure where the activities cross over more than one of the new programme streams?

3. The Indigenous Advancement Strategy will begin on 1 July 2014. What tasks must be completed by 1 July 2014 in order to launch the Strategy?

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Answer:

1. Closing the Gap is a commitment by all Australian governments to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians. The Prime Minister reports annually to the House of Representatives on progress in Closing the Gap for the previous year.

The Indigenous Advancement Strategy is the new streamlined structure for Indigenous affairs activities managed through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The new arrangements will provide an opportunity for practical engagement with Indigenous Australians, service providers, business and government to ensure solutions are tailored to local needs and directly contribute to the Closing the Gap targets.

2. and 3. The Department intends to put in place grant selection processes in 2014-15 for grant activities under the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy. Further information will be provided to service providers about this process in due course. Transition arrangements have been put in place, including extensions of existing contracts for six or 12 months that were due to cease on 30 June 2014, to ensure service providers can continue to provide important services on the ground and have time to adjust to the new arrangements.

Funding for each of the five Indigenous Advancement Strategy programmes was determined as part of the Budget process.

As part of the current transition process, individual grant activities have been mapped to the new programme structure based on the types of outcomes they are delivering and how these align to the outcomes being sought under each of the five new programmes. Some programmes may attract multiple stream funding opportunities.

The following table broadly summarises how existing programmes and activities have been mapped to the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy streams. It should be noted that there is not always a direct one-on-one correlation of a programme to a new Indigenous Advancement Strategy programme.

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List of Programmes and Activities

Legacy Programme	Indigenous Advancement Strategy Programme
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education – improving teaching project	Children and Schooling
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Policy	Children and Schooling
Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Indigenous Communities	Safety and Wellbeing
Budget Based Funding - Indigenous Playgroups	Children and Schooling
Cape York Welfare Reform extension of SEAM activities	Remote Australia Strategy
Commonwealth Scholarships programme (higher education)	Children and Schooling
Community Development Employment Projects	Jobs Land Economy
Community Legal Services - Indigenous Women's Programme (IWP) - part of larger AGD Programme	Safety and Wellbeing
Family Support Programme - Communities for Children - Indigenous Parenting Services	Children and Schooling
Family Violence Prevention Legal Services for Indigenous Australia	Safety and Wellbeing
Improving School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) through Welfare Reform	Children and Schooling
Indigenous Broadcasting Programme	Culture and Capability
Indigenous Capability and Development, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Leadership • Indigenous Women's Grants • Public awareness payments, including NAIDOC week • Payments to Universities and Other Organisations for Special Studies and Research 	Culture and Capability
Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Communications Programme	Culture and Capability
Indigenous Community Links	Safety and Wellbeing

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Legacy Programme	Indigenous Advancement Strategy Programme
Indigenous Community Strategic Investment programme including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrol Sniffing Strategy • Stolen Generations (Policy and Programme Admin) • Cape York Welfare Reform • Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation • Indigenous Communities Strategic Investment Special Account 	Multiple
Indigenous Community Volunteers	Culture and Capability
Indigenous Early Childhood Reform	Children and Schooling
Indigenous Economic Development Strategy	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Economic Development Strategy (including Business Action Agenda, and Memorandum of Understanding with the Minerals Council of Australia)	Jobs Land Economy
<i>Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000</i>	Children and Schooling
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act and related programmes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 Additional Teachers – Final Report to be incorporated into Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory National Partnership Schooling Measures Implementation Plan • Australian Human Rights Commission settlement in Wadeye • Away-from-Base for ‘mixed- mode’ delivery • Building an Indigenous Workforce (BAIW) – Early Childhood • Community Festivals for Education Foundation • Dare to Lead • Deadly Vibe • Early Childhood Component- National Indigenous English and 	Multiple

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<p>Numeracy Strategy (Transition Programme Equivalent) (NIELNS TPA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Component-Supplementary Recurrent Assistance (SRA) • First Peoples Education Advisory Group • Focus Schools Next Steps • Governor-General’s Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarships • Indigenous Education Ambassador’s Programme • Indigenous Education Consultative Bodies • Indigenous Support Units (ISUs) - Early Childhood • Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme - Tertiary Tuition • Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme - VET • Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme • Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme • Northern Territory Boarding Facilities (Three New Boarding Facilities) • Parental and Community Engagement Programme • School Nutrition Programme - incl. Stronger Futures component • Sporting Chance Programme • Stronger Futures - Building a Quality School Workforce • Stronger Smarter Learning Communities • Student Education Trusts (CYWR Trial Extension) • Teach Remote Stage Two • What Works 	

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Indigenous Employment Programme, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tailored Assistance (including Learn Earn Legend) • Indigenous Wage Subsidy (IWS) • Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS) • Indigenous Youth Careers Pathway's (IYCP) 	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Environmental Policy	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Family Safety Agenda	Safety and Wellbeing
Indigenous Heritage Programme	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Indigenous Housing • Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme • Centre for Appropriate Technologies • High Needs Support • Municipal and Essential Services • National Jobs Creation Package / NT Jobs Package (supports MUNS) • Indigenous Mothers Accommodation Fund • Dog Management Programme • Remote Indigenous Energy Programme • Remote Pools 2010 • Community housing and Infrastructure needs survey • Indigenous Home Ownership • National Indigenous Infrastructure Guide - for remote communities • Indigenous Boarding Hostels Partnership 	Multiple
Indigenous Interpreter Services in the Northern Territory	Culture and Capability
Indigenous Justice Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion • Prevention • Restorative Justice 	Safety and Wellbeing

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prisoner Through Care • Stronger Future in the Northern Territory – Legal Aid 	
Indigenous Law and Justice	Safety and Wellbeing
Indigenous NGO Capacity Building	Culture and Capability
Indigenous Protected Areas	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Ranger Cadetships Pilot	Jobs Land Economy
Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Traineeships – schools and early childhood	Children and Schooling
Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Programme	Safety and Wellbeing
Indigenous Support Programme	Safety and Wellbeing
Indigenous Youth Attainment and Transitions	Children and Schooling
Jobs creation from CDEP – jobs in education	Jobs Land Economy
Land Rights Programme	Jobs Land Economy
More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative	Children and Schooling
National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	Culture and Capability
Native Title and Land Rights Programme	Jobs Land Economy
Native Title Organisation Review	Jobs Land Economy
Native Title Programme	Jobs Land Economy
Policy Activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Indigenous Issues - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People • Indigenous Programmes Performance and Evaluation • Indigenous Commonwealth-State Relations • Remote Priorities and Remote Housing and Infrastructure • Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategies • Indigenous Women/Children/Communities/Mental Health 	Culture and Capability

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Legacy Programme	Indigenous Advancement Strategy Programme
Reconciliation Australia (improving relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians)	Culture and Capability
Regional Partnership Agreements	Remote Australia Strategies
Remote Jobs and Communities Programme - Community Development Fund	Jobs Land Economy
Remote Jobs and Communities Programme (RJCP)	Jobs Land Economy
Social and Emotional Wellbeing (Bringing Them Home and Expanding Link-up programmes for the stolen generations), which also includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Sorry Day Committee • National Stolen Generation Alliance • The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Advisory Group • Link Up services • Family Tracing • Aboriginal Mental First Aid Training • Registered Training Organisations 	Multiple
Strategic Policy Functions, including responsibility for the health performance framework, Indigenous health expenditure analysis, and life expectancy modelling	Multiple
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory - Community Safety and Justice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night Patrols • Legal Assistance 	Safety and Wellbeing
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory – Crèches component of Child, Youth and Family Wellbeing	Multiple
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory - Schooling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 Additional Teachers (IETA) • Building a Quality School Workforce (IETA) • Teacher Housing (including Northern Territory Emergency Response) • School Nutrition Programme (IETA) • School Enrolment and Attendance 	Children and Schooling

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Measure	
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child, Youth and Family Wellbeing package • Alice Springs Transformation Plan (ASTP) • Housing (including asbestos removal) • Municipal and Essential Services • Community Safety and Justice (including Police, Substance Abuse Intelligence Desks, and Dog Operations Units) • Tackling Alcohol Abuse • Remote Engagement and Coordination • Food security component of Health 	Multiple
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Outreach Service Plus (NP) • Alcohol and Other Drug Workers 	Safety and Wellbeing
Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants - Indigenous Drug and Alcohol treatment services	Safety and Wellbeing
Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants – Petrol Sniffing Prevention Strategy - expanding the supply and uptake of Opal fuel	Safety and Wellbeing
Supplementary Recurrent Assistance	Children and Schooling
Teach Remote Stage 2	Children and Schooling
Training Initiatives for Indigenous Adults in Regional and Remote Communities	Remote Australia Strategies
Working on Country (Indigenous Rangers)	Jobs Land Economy
Youth in Communities	Children and Schooling