

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

1. The Government committed to the expanded rollout of SEAM to 23 remote communities as an election commitment. Senate Estimates hearing on 28 February 2014 confirmed five schools will be rolled out in term 3 this year and the remainder in term 1 of 2015. Is this rollout still on track to meet these deadlines?
2. Are any of the SEAM funding agreements subject to transitional arrangements as part of the rationalisation of Indigenous programmes? If so, which sites and agreements are under consideration of Government?

**Answer:**

1. Yes. SEAM is on track to be rolled out in the five communities of Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Yirrkala and Nhulunbuy in term three 2014 and into the communities of Maningrida and Tiwi Islands in term one 2015.
2. No. Funding for SEAM is part of the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory National Partnership Agreement.