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**FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

FaCSIA Outcomes: Cross Outcome, Outcomes 1 & 2

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 2007-2008

Included in this volume are answers to written and oral questions taken on notice and tabled papers relating to the budget estimates hearings on 28 and 29 May 2007

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FaCSIA Senator Moore CA7 – T4 28/5/07
Communication and Media Branch
Marketing and Campaigns Section

Communities Communication Team	Children & Youth Communication Team	Families & Women Communication Team
<i>Staff</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Public Affairs Office Grade 3	Public Affairs Office Grade 3	Public Affairs Office Grade 3
Executive Level Officer 1	Executive Level Officer 1	Executive Level Officer 1
Public Affairs Office Grade 2	Public Affairs Office Grade 2	Public Affairs Office Grade 2
Public Affairs Office Grade 2	Public Affairs Office Grade 2	Public Affairs Office Grade 2
Public Affairs Office Grade 1	Public Affairs Office Grade 1	Public Affairs Office Grade 1
<i>Communication projects</i>	<i>Communication projects</i>	<i>Communication projects</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering communication • Business Continuity Kit for not-for-profit sector • Redevelopment/management of Disaster Assist website • Overseas Pensions communication • Real Estate Assets • Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships • Partnerships Week • Social Responsibility Writers Prize • International Day of People with Disability • Marketing of Disability Business Services • Disability Advocacy Services marketing • Personal Helpers and Mentors program • Community-based mental health programs • Mental Health Respite Care • Muslim Symposium program • Carer Payment (child) Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Tax Rebate communication • Child Care Management System program and collateral • Child Care Handbook • Quality Assurance in Child Care communications and collateral • Child Care Compliance collateral • National Youth Week • Young Australian of the Year Award • National Child Protection Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence Against Women. Australia Says NO campaign • APEC Women Leaders network meeting (plus Women in Trade event in conjunction with Austrade) • Keys to Living Together relationship program • Family Relationship Services Program national forum & collateral • Appoint Women website & collateral • Women on Boards website & collateral • Support for CSA around the Child Support Scheme • Support for AG’s around Family Law Reform • Publications for Office for Women

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T6 CA 18 – Senator McLucas 28 May 2007

Minister for Community Services – Division of Portfolio Responsibilities.

Minister Scullion's responsibilities are:

- Implementation and monitoring of
 - Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement;
 - Supported Accommodation Assistance Programme;
 - National Housing Research;
 - Household Organisation Management Programme; and
 - Support for Community Housing Sectors.
- Day to day responsibility for disability employment programmes, including business services.
- Implementation and monitoring of Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- All aspects of community disaster recovery (consulting with Minister Brough where significant matters of policy arise).
- Youth matters, such as youth policy, research and activities to promote engagement of youth, as well as Youth Roundtable, including Indigenous Youth Leadership National Youth Week, and Youth programmes such as Reconnect, Mentor Marketplace, Youthlink, Newly Arrived Support Services, and Transition to Independent Living Allowance.
- Implementation of FaCSIA mental health measures.
- Carer policy.
- Volunteering policy.
- Implementing and monitoring Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRA's).

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T8 – CA5(a) and CA8(b) – Senator Stephens

At the Senate Estimates hearing on 29 May 2007, FaCSIA undertook to respond to questions about:

- a) When the issue of release of forward estimates figures was first discussed in Senate Estimates Hearings?**
- b) Whether FaCSIA's current approach is consistent with other agencies' approaches?**

The answer to these questions is:

- a) In relation to FaCSIA, this issue was first discussed in February 2004 in the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, and subsequently in the June 2004 hearings.
- b) Senator Chris Evans asked 19 ministers, on notice, on 14 October 2005, the following questions (questions 1310 to 1328):

“In relation to each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) Can a list be provided of all programs that make up each output in the 2005-06 Portfolio Budget Statement.
- (2) (a) For which of the programs identified in (1) above are estimates advised to the Department of Finance; and (b) when were those estimates last prepared.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2008-09, what are the most recent estimates of program spending or revenue for each of the programs identified in (1) above.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05, what were the outcomes for each of the programs identified in (1) above.

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(5) For each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2008-09, what are the dollar amounts that are obligated or forward committed, contractually or otherwise, for each of the programs identified in (1) above.”

Senator Minchin answered questions 1310-1328 on 8 February 2006 in the following manner:

“Internal programme information relating to the Australian Government General Government Sector is not publicly released.”

FaCSIA’s position remains consistent with the answer provided by Senator Minchin on 8 February 2006. FaCSIA understands that its current approach is consistent with the approach taken by DEWR, DEST and the Department of Finance and Administration in their 2007-08 Portfolio Budget Statements.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 001

Topic: Advertising

Hansard Page: CA6 28/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Please provide an update on advertising for the department and agencies for the amount that was spent or will be spent on advertising campaigns in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Answer:

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is currently conducting the national *Violence Against Women. Australia Says No* campaign.

The planned expenditure on advertising for this campaign for each of 2006-07 and 2007-08 is currently in the order of \$9 million per year (GST included).

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 002

Topic: FaCSIA Properties

Hansard Page: CA9 28/5

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide a program for properties in terms of where FaCSIA owns buildings, where FaCSIA leases buildings and the lease dates?

Answer:

It is understood from Hansard this question was asked in the context of consolidating non-national office, capital city FaCSIA locations, not all locations nationally.

Details of leases in the various capital cities are provided in the following table. These leases include both FaCSIA State Offices (SO) and Urban ICCs (ICC).

STATE/ TERRITORY	SITE	ADDRESS	LEASE START	LEASE EXPIRY
NSW	Sydney SO	1 Oxford St	01/08/06	31/07/07
	Sydney SO	300 Elizabeth St	01/04/07	31/03/17
	Sydney SO/ICC	280 Elizabeth St	01/04/07	31/03/17
NT	Darwin SO/ICC	13 Scaturchio St Casuarina	29/07/93	31/07/09
	Darwin SO	Met Building, 13 Scaturchio St, Casuarina	07/02/02	06/02/08
QLD	Brisbane SO	200 Adelaide St	01/09/03	30/06/08
	Brisbane ICC	144 Edward St	01/05/04	30/04/09
SA	Adelaide SO	55 Currie St	01/04/07	30/09/07
	Adelaide SO/ICC	City Central, 11-29 Waymouth St	01/03/07	28/02/17
	Adelaide ICC	42-44 Waymouth St	01/05/06	30/04/11
	Adelaide ICC	42-44 Waymouth St	28/11/05	14/05/11
TAS	Hobart SO	Montpellier Bldg, 21 Kirksway Pl	01/05/05	31/03/10
	Hobart ICC	25 Argyle St	11/09/00	10/09/10
VIC	Melbourne SO/ICC	2 Casselden Pl, Lonsdale St	01/03/07	28/02/17
WA	Perth ICC	55 St Georges Terrace	01/08/06	31/07/13
	Perth SO	Central Park, 152 St. George Tce	01/12/04	30/11/11

FaCSIA owns only two office buildings, located at 26 Mertin St, Bourke, NSW and Cnr Merghiny & East Terrace, Ceduna, South Australia. Neither of these are State Offices or Urban ICCs.

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Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

18 June 2007

Senator Gary Humphries
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Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Dear Senator

Clarification of Information given to Additional Estimates Hearing—28 May 2007

I write to clarify two answers I gave during the Committee's examination of Cross Outcomes from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Estimates on 28 May 2007.

Answer One

In response to a question from Senator Crossin (Proof Committee Hansard page CA.104) regarding whether the number of property acquisitions decreased in the last 12 months, I stated, "Yes, they have."

I believe that I misheard the question as the correct response is, "No, they have not." The matter was discussed again as recorded on Proof Committee Hansard page CA.105 where Senator Crossin asked, "I want to know by how many property acquisitions had decreased" where I responded "No, they have not decreased, they have increased."

Answer Two

In response to a question from Senator Crossin (Proof Committee Hansard page CA.104) regarding how many properties have been sold, I stated, "The ILC Board does not sell any property lightly. In my time at the ILC I think we have sold three properties."

The ILC has in fact sold four properties, the three mentioned at the Committee hearing and a property located in Murray Bridge, South Australia.

Please accept that there was no intention on my part to mislead the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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T10 CA 113, 114 & 118 28 May - Crossin

Revised: Responses to Questions from Senator Crossin at the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs meeting held on 28 May 2007 and taken on notice (output group 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3).

1. *The Wudapuli and Nama housing arrangements and the pre-agreement budgeting exercise*

Prior to families signing the 'License to Occupy' agreements with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) for the four display houses at Wadupuli and Nama, they were assisted through a simple budget process. The purpose of this process was for the families to consider whether they had capacity to meet the rental charges that had been set for these houses, having regard to family income and outgoings. The process was seen as a necessary step with these display houses, as they have a different rental arrangement to that which families would have previously experienced in the Wadeye Township.

Families were assisted with these initial budget calculations by staff from FaCSIA's Money Management area in the Northern Territory office. Since April 2007, IBA has put in place a person located in the Wadeye Township to assist with these calculations.

The initial budgeting exercise was only one part of the process to support families through to the signing of the License to Occupy agreement. Families also had their tenancy obligations explained to them by Yilli Rreung and their eligibility for Rent Assistance payments determined by Centrelink.

Yilli Rreung is continuing to work with families through its Happy Homes program, which provides ongoing advice about managing tenancy obligations and maintaining homes and provides some further budgeting training. In addition to this it is intended that all families that enter into the lease/purchase arrangements on the Wadeye outstations will participate in FaCSIA's Money Management program. The program provides families with ongoing support in managing their budget to meet rental and other outgoings, including through a series of facilitated workshops, enabling families (provided they meet other eligibility requirements) to make the transition to a lease/purchase arrangement and to home ownership.

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2. Provision of keys and rubbish bins

After years of policy settings that have entrenched dependency, including in respect of tenancy arrangements, the Australian Government is looking to normalise conditions in communities such as Wudapuli and Nama as much as possible and ensure the houses are occupied all year round rather than just during the dry season. These houses are being provided for lease purchase on private land. The aim is to encourage independence and self-reliance and to break the destructive cycle of welfare dependency. As part of this strategy we are making significant investments of public monies in these communities but also expect a high level of commitment from the tenants of these houses.

Therefore, a number of the matters raised, such as the provision of internal rubbish bins and additional house keys, are the responsibility of the tenants at Wudapuli and Nama in like manner to other tenants across Australia. Provision of external rubbish bins is a municipal responsibility. FaCSIA provides funding for municipal services to the Thamarrurr Regional Council for servicing outstations, including the communities of Wudapuli and Nama.

3. Whether the tenancy agreements signed by families for the houses at Wudapuli and Nama are consistent with the NT tenancy legislation

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) was engaged to build and manage a lease purchase arrangement in Wudapuli, Nama and Perrederr. IBA has advised that pending the negotiation of leases in these small communities (currently well progressed) to cover the lease purchase period it was issued with a licence by the Northern Land Council to build and rent the houses. IBA then developed a housing agreement that can be issued while it holds the licence. The housing agreement protects the rights of both the tenant and IBA as the home owner.

Current legal advice is that the Northern Territory residential tenancies legislation does not apply to the IBA agreement (in part because IBA is not making a profit from the arrangement). However, as soon as the long-term lease is finalised, IBA intends to put in place new tenancy agreements that will fall within the purview of the Northern Territory tenancy laws.

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4. Whether the tenancy agreement requires houses to be locked at all times

The agreement stipulates that the house is to be kept secure at all times, in like manner to standard tenancy agreements.

5. The employment arrangements of local workers in the construction of houses at Wudapuli and Nama

~~The workers employed by the contractor in the construction of the houses at Wadupuli and Nama were paid an amount by the contractor to 'top up' their ongoing CDEP payments.~~ There were eight Indigenous employees involved in the Wudapuli>Nama project. Three were existing full time employees of the builder. Five were local people where the contractor paid an amount to 'top up' their ongoing CDEP payments. This ensured that their total payment was equivalent to award wages for the work they were engaged to complete. As the construction work took place over a relatively short 16-week period, it was acknowledged from the outset that the benefits to local workers were in the work experience they would derive from it, rather than in formalised training, such as a trade certificate.

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Output Group: 1.1

Question No: 007

Topic: Review of ICCs

Hansard Page: CA11 28/5

Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide details on stakeholders that will be consulted?

Answer:

Overall, 158 Australian and State Government agency staff have been consulted through a combination of semi-structured interviews and focus groups including:

- Management and staff located in all sampled ICCs.
- Staff including Solution Brokers and Program Managers from various line agencies located outside the sampled ICCs.
- State Managers/ Regional Coordinators for FaHCSIA, DEEWR, DBCDE, AGs and DOHA.
- A selection of national staff from DEEWR and AGs.
- FaHCSIA network support unit.

Additionally, 35 people from Indigenous communities and organisations were consulted during community visits.

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Output Group: 1.1

Question No: 024

Topic: Bringing Them Home Report

Hansard Page: CA116 28/5

Senator Siewert asked:

What were you doing to continue the coordination role?

How do you implement that coordination role?

Do you look at some of the key recommendations and how they should be implemented in policy or the other programs that the department runs?

Answer:

The department has provided input to the Ministerial Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSIA). MCATSIA has produced a report (2006) and an evaluation (2004) in response to *The Bringing Them Home* report. The MCATSIA Secretariat is currently undertaken by the Western Australian Department of Indigenous Affairs.

The department looks at the recommendations contained in a range of reports and their relevance to policy and programs as part of our role in providing advice to Ministers.

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Output Group: 1.1

Question No: 025

Topic: Indigenous Youth Mobility Program / Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Hansard Page: CA117 28/5

Senator Bartlett asked:

Could you please provide the guidelines for these programs. I am particularly interested in whether it is solely geographically based or whether it is to do with what is available in a locality?

Answer:

The following material has been provided by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations which is responsible for administering both the Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme (IYMP) and the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP).

Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme

Geography is an important aspect of the IYMP. To be eligible for the Programme a young person must be from a very remote, remote or outer provincial location as defined by MCEETYA using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA).

Candidates must also be willing to relocate to one of 10 major centres - Cairns; Townsville; Toowoomba; Newcastle; Dubbo; Canberra; Shepparton; Adelaide; Perth; and Darwin - where IYMP services are established to gain the qualifications they need for sustainable employment back home or in another location.

According to the MCEETYA classification, Palm Island is considered very remote and Yarrabah is considered outer provincial. Therefore, Indigenous young people from both Palm Island and Yarrabah are eligible to access the IYMP.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme

According to the IYLP: Programme Administrator Guidelines (2004), eligibility for IYLP scholarships requires that IYLP participants must:

- be Indigenous Australians;
- be generally from remote locations - as defined by MCEETYA using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA);
- be eligible to undertake secondary or university studies;
- be ABSTUDY eligible or eligible for Youth Allowance or Assistance for Isolated Children;
- demonstrate a strong record of school attendance/work attendance and performance;

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- demonstrate academic potential and/or a particular talent; and
- have family and community support.

In addition, IYLP participants must be willing to attend a school that has a proven record of success with Indigenous student enrolment, participation, retention and completion of Year 12 rates.

IYLP scholars are provided with opportunities to study at high performing government and non government schools to support and develop their academic and leadership skills.

These schools can be located anywhere in Australia, provided they have applied and been identified as a high performing school for the purpose of the IYLP.

Guidelines for the IYMP and the IYLP can be found on the following websites:

IYLP

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/iylp/default.htm#IYLP_Guidelines

IYMP

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/iymp/default.htm

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Question No: 005

Topic: Minister Brough's trip to Hopevale, Galiwinku and Tiwi Islands

Hansard Page: CA57 & 58 28/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Can you advise the Committee who actually traveled with the Minister on those visits and the capacity on which they traveled? Were there any members of the press?

Answer:

Due to the change of Government we were unable to obtain this information.

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Question No: 008

Topic: Legal and Constitutional Committee's Stolen Wages inquiry

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What provisions are currently in place to assist Indigenous Australians to access records in Commonwealth archives that refer to details of benefits, such as child endowment and aged pensions, paid by the Commonwealth to third parties on their behalf?. Are there specific resources devoted to this task? If not, is there any consideration being given to this issue? Are there any particular conditions that limit the ability of these people to access their records?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs contacted the National Archives of Australia which holds Commonwealth records relating to the period covered by the Inquiry, and it has provided the following response.

Record Holdings

Australia wide

The National Archives does not hold comprehensive detailed records covering the payment of pensions and allowances to individual Australians. These are bulky transactional records that have been designated as being of temporary value and have been routinely destroyed by the agency that created the records within a few years of creation under agreed records disposal authorities.

The National Archives received funding of \$2 million over four years (1998-2002) to index records relating to Indigenous people as part of the Commonwealth government's response to the *Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families.*) This has resulted in the development of the Bringing Them Home name index which contains 420,000 index entries and is used to assist Indigenous people identify information about themselves or their families in Commonwealth records. Very few records were identified that were of relevance to the stolen wages issue. These records are available for public access.

Should any additional records relevant to the stolen wages issues come to light they will be covered by the destruction freeze implemented by the Archives in 1997 for records that may assist Indigenous people link up with family and community.

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Services provided by the National Archives

The National Archives provides a reference service to assist the public to access Commonwealth records more than 30 years old. Specialist reference staff guide people with archival research, although they do not conduct detailed research on behalf of individuals. As archival research can be time-consuming and reliant on the availability of finding aids to locate material, the National Archives has prepared a number of guides and indexes to records relating to Indigenous people, including the Bringing Them Home name index.

The Archives has entered into special arrangements with a number of Indigenous community groups to facilitate access to records that would normally be withheld from public access because the records relate to personal affairs.

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Question No: 009

Topic: Legal and Constitutional Committee's Stolen Wages inquiry

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In relation to the answer given to Questions on notice 044 – 050 from February 2007 Estimates:
What is the date on which the government response to the recommendations of the Senate
Inquiry will be delivered?

Answer:

A response had been finalised but not tabled prior to the election. A fresh response will now be prepared for consideration by the Government.

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99 year lease over the township of Nguiu, Bathurst Island

Joint acknowledgement of agreement in principle

17 May 2007

Subject to the requirement of section 19A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Land Rights Act)*, the Mantiyupwi people, being the traditional owners of the township of Nguiu in the Tiwi Islands and the Hon Mal Brough, Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on behalf of the Australian Government acknowledge that they have reached agreement on the terms and conditions upon which a 99 year lease over the township of Nguiu will be granted. Those terms and conditions of this agreement are substantially contained in the correspondence which has passed between them. A summary of the terms of conditions appears below. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the summary below and the correspondence, the contents of the correspondence prevails.

The parties acknowledge and agree that no binding legal relations will arise between them unless and until the execution of a formal township lease under section 19A of the Land Rights Act.

- Entity
 - Head lease to be held by a Commonwealth Entity comprised of a Statutory Officer being the "Executive Director of Township Leasing"
 - The staff of the Executive Director of Township Leasing to include one full time Tiwi nominated officer for an initial term of two years
- Nguiu Consultative Forum
 - A Nguiu Consultative Forum will be established with a majority traditional owner membership
 - The Executive Director of Township Leasing will be required to have due regard to the views of the Consultative Forum
 - The role of the Consultative Forum will include conducting head lease reviews and providing advice on various specific matters set out in the head lease
- Head lease boundary
 - The boundary of the area under head lease is agreed to comprise the area of Nguiu SLAP plan plus the airport and access road

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- Payment to traditional owners
 - A one off up front payment of \$5 million will be made to be paid through the Land Council for distribution to traditional owners
 - Commencing in year 16 of the lease, all income received by the Executive Director of Township Leasing for Nguiu sub-leases after Nguiu operating costs will be passed on to traditional owners
 - Any Nguiu sub-lease income received in years 1 - 15 in excess of the \$5 million one off payment and Nguiu operating costs will be passed on to traditional owners
- Package of community benefits
 - 25 new houses at Nguiu to be constructed within 24 months and to be available for public housing, managed by Territory Housing
 - Programme of repair and maintenance for all houses at Nguiu
 - New health measures directed at \$500,000 for diabetes related measures and \$500,000 to extend mental health / suicide prevention initiatives
 - Construction of the Tiwi College
 - Upgrade of the Stanley Tipiloara Oval
 - Australian Government to commission community profile study
 - Improvements to the Nguiu cemetery up to \$250,000
 - All components to include local training and employment opportunities
- A number of specific head leases provision have also been agreed and are specified in the correspondence including:
 - 15% cap on non-Tiwi at Nguiu


.....
The Hon Mal Brough

Minister for Families, Community
Services and Indigenous Affairs


.....
Mr Walter Kerinasiu

Senior Traditional Owner, Mantiyupwi
People

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**T11 Proposed section 19A lease over the township of Nguiu,
Bathurst Island in the Tiwi Islands**

**Description of agreement between the Australian Government and the
Traditional owners in relation to rent**

1. A one off payment of \$5 million will be paid up front through the Tiwi Land Council for distribution to traditional owners at the time the lease is granted. This payment comprises a rent advance to cover years 1 – 15 of the lease and will be drawn from the Aboriginals Benefit Account pursuant to section 64(4A) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.
2. In the event that the income received in years 1 – 15 of the lease from Nguiu sub leasing (after Nguiu related operating costs borne by the Township Leasing entity) exceeds the one off payment, the surplus – that is any amount in excess of \$5 million plus operating costs – will be passed on to traditional owners.
3. There is no obligation for the traditional owners to repay any of the one off payment under any circumstances even if the income from Nguiu sub leasing received in years 1 – 15 falls short of \$5 million. The traditional owners are therefore *guaranteed* at least \$5m under the agreement.
4. Income received from Nguiu sub leasing during years 1 – 15 of the lease up to the amount of \$5 million (after costs) will be retained. This accumulation will provide a financial base from which future rent payments for section 19A leases over other townships can be paid so that the need to draw further on the Aboriginals Benefit Account can be minimised.
5. Commencing in year 16 of the lease, all income received by the Executive Director of Township Leasing for Nguiu sub-leases after Nguiu operating costs will be passed on to the traditional owners.

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T12 Senator Bartlett CA 92/93 28/5/2007

Question 1: Does this measure fund more or fewer sites than currently operated by Cape York Digital Network (CYDN)?

The CYDN 2007/08 budget measure provides ongoing funding for the Community Online Access Centres component in six centres. They are Hopevale, Napranum, Lockhart River, Injinoo, Coen, and Umagico.

As of August 2006, CYDN had facilities in 16 locations on the Cape York Peninsula including a business and support centre in Cairns and 15 centres. However, only 6 of these were staffed, fully operational and well supported by their communities, as evidenced by their operation for four or more days per week. These are the six centres that are to be funded in this budget measure.

Question 2: Do CYDN charge fees for use of the services provided by the community centres?

CYDN services fall into two parts – a business arm which operates on a commercial basis, and community online access services whose primary objective is to provide a social benefit to community. Commercially profitable services include wireless service provisions to core community councils and private organisations, limited private internet service provision and managed networking services. Non commercial services include the community centres and video conferencing facilities. These require the employment and skills training of community staff. Many of these services are co-located in the community centres operated by CYDN.

The budget measure is to fund the services that are aimed at social benefits and not commercially viable - such as computer and online access for individuals (including school students). A small fee is charged for services such as videoconferencing, however, no fee is charged for services such as computer use for homework purposes, and the conduct of homework groups.

Question 3: What will the budget measure cover?

The measure will cover staff and operating costs for each centre. This includes elements of wages and salary on costs, staff travel and training, and contribute to administration and network costs. Costs have been calculated on average at \$90 000 per centre per year.

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T14 – CA90 (a) and CA80/95 (b) – Senator Crossin

At the Senate Estimates hearing on 28 May 2007, FaCSIA undertook to respond to questions on:

(a) A breakdown of the \$1.3 billion to be spent on ARIA over the forward estimates;

(b) A check of the information provided in the footnote reference number 11 in FaCSIA's Budget at a Glance.

The answers to the questions are:

(a) The \$1.3bn ARIA funding breaks down in broad order of magnitude over the forward estimates period as follows:

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
\$8.8m	\$410m	\$420m	\$440m

(b) The measure description in Budget Paper 2 identifies that \$293.6m will be provided “over four years to implement reforms to the provision of housing and infrastructure for Indigenous people”. The Budget media release relating to the ARIA program clearly identifies this measure as a significant seven year strategy of major reforms. The original version of the Budget at a Glance (BaaG) document went further and provided a footnote with indicative dollars for the latter three years of the program covering the period 2011-12 through to and including 2013-14. The figures quoted in that footnote had no formal status and should not have been included in the published version of BaaG. The actual amounts available in these years will be subject to an evaluation of the program and further decision by government. For these reasons the reference in question (previously numbered footnote 11) has been removed from the BaaG document on the FaCSIA website.

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Question No: 012

Topic: Community Housing and Infrastructure Program –Nguiu Housing

Hansard Page: CA83 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the expected cost for providing 25 new houses promised to Nguiu?

Answer:

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is delivering houses on our behalf. IBA is currently negotiating with possible providers, including on price.

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Question No: 054

Topic: La Perouse Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Has a project manager been appointed to oversee the major repair and replacement of homes in La Perouse and if so on what date? Given the grant was offered in May 2006, why the delay?

Answer:

A project manager was appointed on 22 December 2006.

The housing upgrade has been delayed because of negotiations with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council around funding conditions and significant legal issues associated with protecting the Australian Government's investment in these properties.

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Question No: 055

Topic: La Perouse Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

When will construction begin on the five houses? And when will it be completed?

Answer:

Due to the design and approval process required by Randwick Council taking several months, the project manager is estimating a start date of January 2008 with work completed within a 12 month period.

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Question No: 056

Topic: La Perouse Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Will La Perouse still get their promised housing money (\$1.45 million) despite the recent announcement by Government that it will direct all Indigenous housing money to remote areas?

Answer:

The Australian Government is committed to providing funding of \$1.45 million to La Perouse.

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Question No: 057

Topic: La Perouse Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Will FaCSIA still fund stage 2 and 3 of housing in La Perouse now as a result of that recent announcement?

Answer:

Australian Government funding for Indigenous housing is provided to the New South Wales State Government through pooled funding arrangements covered by the Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Agreement. Therefore, any decisions on further works beyond the \$1.45 million will be the responsibility of the New South Wales State Government.

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Question No: 064

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Of the 60 submissions you received how many supported change to the permit system?

Answer:

Eighteen submissions were received supporting change to the permit system.

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Question No: 065

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you provide a list of communities, individuals or organisations who made those submissions?

Answer:

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Aboriginal Land Trust, Western Australia
Aboriginal Support Group
Ali Curung Council Association Inc
Alice Springs Town Council
Anindilyakwa Land Council
Anmatjere Community Government Council
Anne Lanham
Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation
Areyonga Community Inc
Areyonga School
Arltarlpilta Community Government Council
Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Barkly Sub-Branch - NT ALP
Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation
Bilingual Resources Development Unit
Bill Fogarty
c/- Laynhapuy Homelands Association Inc
c/- Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre
Caroline Cavanagh
Central Land Council
Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
Centre for Cross Cultural Research
Curtin Springs Station
Daguragu Community Government Council
Department of Human Geography
Department of Linguistics and Applied Linguistics
Department of Premier and Cabinet, Government of South Australia
Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation

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Groote Eylandt Mining Company
Gunbalanya Community Education Centre
Henry Rainger
Human Geography & Development Studies
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
Ikuntji Community Council (Inc)
Impanpa Community Council
Indigenous Development Group
J L Causer
Jane Simpson
Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation
Jennifer Crew
John Algar
John Greig
Julian Yates
Jumbunna, Indigenous House of Learning
Katherine Town Council
Lajamanu Community Government Council
Land Rover Club of Victoria
Law Council of Australia
Law Institute of Victoria
Laynhapuy Homelands Association Inc
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
Mark de Graaf
Marlene Hodder
Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance
National Association for the Visual Arts Ltd
Neil Bell
Ngaanyatjarra Council
Ngukurr Community
Noel Wright
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
Northern Land Council
Northern Territory Government
Numbulwar Community
Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd
Parliament of South Australia
Peter Lain Marketing Consulting
Peter Mayman
Pintubi Anmatjere Warlpiri Media & Communications
Queensland Government
Reconciliation Australia
Rick Moore
Rio Tinto

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School of Education, Batchelor Institute
St Matthews Church, Ngukurr
Sue Bradley
The Age and Sydney Morning Herald
The Arnhemland Progress Association Inc
Tom Petherick
Trevor Stockley
University of Queensland
Wagiman-Guwardagun Rangers
Walungurru Community Council Aboriginal Corporation
West Central Arnhem Transitional Committee
Yuendumu Community Government Council
Yugul Mangi Community Government Council
Yugul Mangi Womens Rangers

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Question No: 067

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

It was stated at the time of the close of submissions (end of February) that the Minister would announce his intentions in a couple of months. That time has passed. How will the department be progressing this issue?

Answer:

The Minister announced his intentions in a Media Release on 21 June 2007.

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Question No: 295

Topic: Native Title Representative Bodies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

For the period since the *Native Title Amendment Act 2007* passed Parliament in February, is the department able to indicate how many Native Title Regional Bodies have been recognised? Can the department give a breakdown showing how many have been recognised for:

- Less than one year;
- Greater than one year but less than two years;
- Greater than two years but less than three years;
- Greater than three years but less than four years;
- Greater than four years but less than five years;
- Greater than five years but less than six years; and
- Greater than six years.

Answer:

Thirteen native title representative bodies (NTRBs) have accepted invitations for recognition which will take effect on 1 July 2007. All recognition periods are in whole years. The breakdown is as follows:

Recognition Period (Years)	Number of NTRBs
1	5
2	0
3	2
4	1
5	0
6	5

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Question No: 066

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Do the submissions provide adequate support for the proposal to reform the permit system?

Answer:

The range of views presented in the various submissions provided to the department were incorporated in the advice given by the department to the Minister on the reform of the permit system.

As a result of the submissions the permit system was retained for 99.8% of Aboriginal Land. The changes only affect the common areas of major communities and access roads, barge landings and airstrips servicing those communities.

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Question No: 069

Topic: Strategic Interventions in Priority Regions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

In how many of those regions have you established a baseline profile, as specified in your "Performance Management Framework"? a) If baseline profiles have been established, please name the regions where it has happened b) If baseline profiles have not been established anywhere, when will it happen?

Answer:

A Baseline community profile has been completed for Galiwin'ku and work is in train for the community of Kalumburu and should be finalised by the end of September 2007. The Kalumburu baseline is being developed as part of the Communities in Crisis (CIC) Evaluation. Other CIC Evaluation communities where baseline community profiles are currently in development are Beagle Bay and Balgo in Western Australia and Yalata in South Australia. Also underway is planning for studies in Groote Eylandt and Nguuu on Tiwi Islands.

Planning for the procurement and development of a baseline community profile for Mornington Island is well advanced and it is hoped that the final report will be available later this year.

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Question No: 004

Topic: Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure by Portfolio (2005)

Hansard Page: CA16 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Will the Department provide this breakdown of expenditure earlier than November 07?

Answer:

A table of Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure by portfolio will be included in the 2006-07 Secretaries' Group on Indigenous Affairs Annual Report, which is expected to be published in February 2008. Individual 2007-08 Portfolio Budget Statements contain portfolio-specific tables of Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure for 2006-07.

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Question No: 010

Topic: CHIP

Hansard Page: CA74 28/5

Senator Bartlett asked:

Can you give us an indication on how many organisations you have suspended funding to in this current year, and what is intended from here until 13 months time with those groups and the remainder of the funding

Answer:

In the 2006-07 financial year, no organisations in receipt of either Operational or Municipal Services funding under the Community Housing and Infrastructure (CHIP) program had their funding suspended.

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Question No: 013

Topic: National Aboriginal Health Strategy

Hansard Page: CA83 & 84

Senator Crossin asked:

What have been the management fees paid for each of the last six years and what proportion of the National Aboriginal Health Strategy (NAHS) program has this been? What NAHS projects are still in train, and what are the estimated costs of each of these?

Answer:

From 2000 to 2006 a total of \$16,192,975 was paid as the management fees for the National Aboriginal Health Strategy (NAHS) program. This figure represents approximately 3.83 per cent of the total NAHS funding of \$422,373,526.90.

Management Fees charged each year from 2000/2001-2005/2006

	South Australia	Queensland	Northern Territory*	New South Wales	Western Australia	Total:
2000-01	\$116,880	\$367,550	\$952,628	\$237,648	\$371,000	\$ 2,045,706
2001-02	\$151,075	\$539,765	\$941,755	\$319,711	\$671,000	\$ 2,623,306
2002-03	\$173,500	\$934,017	\$1,472,075	\$509,003	\$491,400	\$ 3,579,995
2003-04	\$116,300	\$744,402	\$1,421,003	\$466,085	\$389,000	\$ 3,136,790
2004-05	\$146,833	\$748,207	\$1,451,860	\$238,190	\$197,915	\$ 2,783,005
2005-06	\$189,225	\$183,436	\$1,392,022	\$168,450	\$91,040	\$ 2,024,173
TOTAL:	\$893,813	\$3,517,377	\$7,631,343	\$1,939,087	\$2,211,355	\$16,192,975

*Northern Territory figures include disbursements and fees for financial years 00/01-05/06

Total NAHS funds 00/01- 05/06	Total Fees	Fees as a % of total funds
\$422,373,526.90	\$16,192,975	3.83%

NAHS currently has 57 active projects at an estimated cost of \$167,263,346.

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Question No: 014

Topic: Agreement with Western Australian Government

Hansard Page: CA124 28/5/07

Senator Siewert asked:

Supply a copy of the announcement made between the Australian and Western Australian Governments.

Answer:

A copy of the joint media release, dated 15 May 2007 is provided.

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ment - \$112million reforms package announced for indigenous communities in WA

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overnments have announced funding of more than \$112million for a range of initiatives aimed at
tions of indigenous people in Western Australia.

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as another example of the State and Federal Governments working closely together in a constructive
mprove the circumstances of indigenous people, particularly those in remote areas.

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r indigenous Western Australians.

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\$0.85million of capital and recurrent funding over four years, which includes \$36.6million already
on strategies in Halls Creek and \$6million for the new school at Wiluna.

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... on the \$75million allocated by the State Government in response to the Gordon Inquiry, which included of multifunction police facilities in communities such as Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidyadanga."

... the State and Federal funding would address:

... ure options to facilitate individual home ownership;
... community infrastructure and housing to address overcrowding in priority communities; and
... essential services to remote communities.

... Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, said the package aimed to improve the community infrastructure as well as provide social and economic benefits for individual residents by offering a interest in land and their own home in selected indigenous communities.

... that underpin the Federal Government's strategy will include a number of options tailored to the particular opportunities at each community," Mr Brough said.

... estment from the Australian Government will support new ways of delivering Indigenous housing using a housing model and home ownership in communities to be identified by both governments.

... size-fits-all approach, but one that will require the agreement of both Governments, the indigenous ved, native title interests and local governments."

... ment, through the Department of Housing and Works, will manage housing in the communities targeted by plying mainstream public housing standards.

... rley, the initiative package will focus on Kalumburu and add to the State Government's already announced creek including additional services for drug and alcohol rehabilitation, Mrs Roberts said.

... er communities to be involved will be released in the coming months.

... nding will support a range of other initiatives that will help indigenous people including providing access to nd training for employment in the Pilbara; supporting new employment-focused Regional Partnership s the State; and innovative housing projects in Kimberley communities.

... e Government's commitment to providing essential support to the Halls Creek Community, Mrs Roberts

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Mr Robert Roberts on 15/5/2007

Department of Housing and Works' new office.

Services to the town were delivered via a visiting officer from Kununurra."

The Government's decision to re-establish an office in Halls Creek means there will be an important local presence, and a strong customer service focus for the town."

The Government will have a staff of seven, including a locally appointed Accommodation Manager, two Supported Housing Officers (SHAP) workers, and a Housing Services Co-ordinator.

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Question No: 016

Topic: Foundations for Indigenous Welfare Reform

Hansard Page: CA91 28/5

Senator Bartlett asked:

Can you provide a copy of the Tripartite Agreement that has been signed by the Hope Vale Council, The Cape York Institute and the Government.

Answer:

The Agreement was signed on the 11 May 2007 and a signed copy is attached for your information.

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**THE HOPE VALE GUUGU YIMITHIRR WARRA FOUNDATIONS
FOR WELFARE REFORM AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

The Australian Government

AND

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

AND

Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership

Dated this 11th day of May 2007

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THE HOPE VALE GUUGU YIMITHIRI WARRA FOUNDATIONS FOR WELFARE REFORM AGREEMENT

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithiri Warra Welfare Reform Agreement (*the Agreement*) constitutes the first stage of welfare reform. The parties to the Agreement ("Parties") aim to establish an economic base and change behaviour by strengthening obligations under normal tenancy arrangements, improving the condition of existing houses, participation in Family Income Management (FIM) and introducing home ownership in Hope Vale.
- 1.2 The signatories to the Agreement are committed to long term welfare reform in Hope Vale with the objective of building a stronger, more resilient community based on a market economy and individual economic independence.
- 1.3 The Agreement imposes duties, gives entitlements and encourages civic responsibility and appropriate standards of behaviour.
- 1.4 Under these arrangements, Hope Vale residents will be required to comply with new tenancy arrangements and, where agreed, participate in FIM and commit to satisfactory maintenance of houses and yards.

2 TIMEFRAME FOR AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The Agreement will continue for two years from the date of signing.
- 2.2 This agreement can only be amended with the express agreement of the parties.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES UNDER THE AGREEMENT

3.1 Tenancy

- 3.1.1 Hope Vale Guugu Yimithiri Warra Shire Council will outsource tenancy management of the houses in Hope Vale to an organisation ("Tenancy Manager") agreed by the Parties before 30 June 2007.
- 3.1.2 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithiri Warra Shire Council will ensure that the Tenancy Manager performs their duties in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1994 (Qld) (see Attachment 1).

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- 3.1.3 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will require the Tenancy Manager to ensure that:
- 3.1.3.1 All adult persons residing in a house are parties to the tenancy agreement for that house, either as the principal tenant or co contributors with financial contributions specified in the agreement.
 - 3.1.3.2 Only adult persons who have signed the tenancy agreement can reside permanently in the house.
 - 3.1.3.3 Households, which at the expiration of current tenancy agreements, do not sign a new tenancy agreement that includes the tenancy obligations set out in the Agreement ("New Tenancy Agreement") are required to pay the maximum rent level for their dwelling and are not eligible for any of the benefits flowing from this Agreement.
 - 3.1.3.4 New tenants are not allocated a house unless they sign a tenancy agreement.
 - 3.1.3.5 Any tenant in breach of the Agreement is counselled and then warned, and ultimately evicted by the Tenancy Manager in accordance with the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 1994 (Qld).
 - 3.1.3.6 A tenancy advice and complaints hot line (a 1800 phone number) is available for use by any signatory to a tenancy agreement.
 - 3.1.3.7 New Tenancy Agreements are for 6 or 12 month periods, with rent deducted via Centrepay from a Family Income Management (FIM) account, or by direct debit for that period.
 - 3.1.3.8 Where possible the Tenancy Manager enters into New Tenancy Agreements with households by 31 July 2007, or as soon as possible after the expiry of existing tenancy agreements.
 - 3.1.3.9 Consistent with Queensland Department of Housing rent setting policy, rent is increased over a specified period to normalised rates (it is intended that market rates will be set for each property by independent valuation).

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- 3.1.4 The Parties acknowledge that: for those families and individuals who already have, or can establish a good rent record over a period of time, and who participate in Pride of Place External (see below) assistance will be provided towards the purchase of land or a future home deposit.

Changed Arrangements:

- 3.1.5 Any change in outsourcing arrangements with the Tenancy Manager, or the New Tenancy Agreements, during the life of the Agreement must be agreed by the Parties.

3.2 Home Ownership

- 3.2.1 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will, by 31 May 2007, undertake the steps required under relevant Queensland Government legislation to have the local government boundaries for Millers Block (freehold land adjacent to Hope Vale) changed from Cooktown to Hope Vale Council.
- 3.2.2 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will, by 30 June 2007, assist to identify initially up to 20 families or individuals interested in purchasing houses and land on Millers Block (with others taking up the opportunity over time).
- 3.2.3 The Australian Government will by 30 December 2007 provide for the development and servicing of 40 house lots on Millers Block.
- 3.2.4 The Australian Government will construct a display home on Millers Block.
- 3.2.5 Families will be able access low cost home loans from the Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).
- 3.2.6 To be eligible for a home ownership loan, families would need to:
1. Have a deposit (in addition to any first home buyers grant).
 2. Be participants in FIM.
 3. Commit to providing sweat equity to assist in the construction of the house.

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4. Commit to full responsibility for the house maintenance (with a maintenance account set up through FIM).

3.2.7 In the event that approval for 99 year leases in the DOGIT is available to families under Queensland legislation, families will be able to access home loans from the IBA.

3.3 Home Improvements

- 3.3.1 Agreements will be developed with families and individuals that set out commitments and obligations attached to home improvement incentives, as outlined below.
- 3.3.2 These home improvements will be known as Pride of Place external and Pride of Place Internal.
- 3.3.3 All families and individuals who sign up to a New Tenancy Agreement (including participating in FIM and paying off any rent arrears), will be eligible for Pride of Place External which will involve improvement to the external features of a house, which will commence as the tenancy agreement is signed.
- 3.3.4 The Australian Government will fund external work including painting, yard clean up, fencing, landscaping and tree planting and minor repair up to a value of \$2500 under Pride of Place External.
- 3.3.5 All participating households will be required to contribute their own labour towards the improvement of the house.
- 3.3.6 Consistent with Clause 3.1.13 above, Pride of Place External participants will be eligible for assistance towards the purchase of land or a future home deposit, on the basis of establishing a good rent record over a period of time.
- 3.3.7 The Australian Government will fund Pride of Place Internal work for painting, kitchen and bathroom upgrades and other improvements determined by the residents to a value of \$7,500 for each participating household.
- 3.3.8 Pride of Place Internal would only be available to residents who:
- had participated in Pride of Place External;
 - had maintained their participation in FIM for 6 months;
 - were willing to contribute one third of the material costs, up to a limit of \$1000; and

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- where there are children in the household, had demonstrated a record of 100% school attendance over a 12 month period (in accordance with Education Queensland policy).

3.3.9 The person or persons overseeing the establishment of the FIM accounts ("the FIM Manager") will advise individuals on the percentage of income that needs to be allocated to rent, and to other essentials such as food, children's education costs and other appropriate family related activities.

3.4 Establishing a Business Friendly Environment

3.4.1 The Australian Government will provide funding and resources to IBA to establish a business precinct within Hope Vale, and provide mentoring support to people setting up small businesses in the precinct.

3.4.2 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will ensure an area within Hope Vale is appropriately zoned so that private businesses can operate.

3.4.3 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will commit to allocating the newly created business spaces on the basis of competitive tender conducted by a qualified agent.

3.4.4 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will commit to, within a reasonable time, the tendering out on a competitive basis, the bakery, butcher and the take-away shop.

3.4.5 The Parties agree to work together to resolve any land tenure issues relating to the establishment of the business precinct.

3.5 Other Initiatives

3.5.1 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council commits to support individuals to comply with the Hope Vale Alcohol Management Plan.

3.5.2 The Australian Government will provide funding in addition to the funding referred to in clause 6 to support initiatives aimed at making it easier for individuals to work or study outside their community should they wish to do so.

3.5.3 The Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council will encourage and support individuals who wish to take up these opportunities.

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3.5.4 The Australian Government will engage the National Seniors organisation to assist Hope Vale Council and residents with experienced volunteer support in a range of areas.

3.5.5 The Australian Government will also engage the Former Origin Greats to provide after school activities; linked to existing PCYC activities, and to the school.

4 SUPPORTING LONG TERM WELFARE REFORM

4.1 This Agreement represents a commitment by the Parties, and the Hope Vale community, to welfare reform. The Parties agree that legislative change is ultimately required to further reduce passive welfare dependency and to ensure obligations are met, and the Minister agrees to pursue enabling legislative reform to this end.

5 MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 A Steering Group will be established by 18 May 2007.

5.2 The Steering Group will comprise 2 representatives each from the Hope Vale Guugu Yimithirr Warra Shire Council, the Cape York Institute and the Australian Government and 5 representatives would constitute a quorum.

5.3 The purpose of the Steering Group will be to:

- Review and monitor progress of the activities referred to in the Agreement;
- Provide policy guidance on tenancy management; and
- Assist in dispute resolution.

5.4 The Steering Group will meet three monthly, or more often if required.

5.5 The Cairns ICC will provide Secretariat support for the Steering Group.

6 FUNDING

6.1 \$10 million will be made available to support initiatives under the Agreement, through a funding agreement. In addition up to \$5 million will be available through IBA for home loan support.

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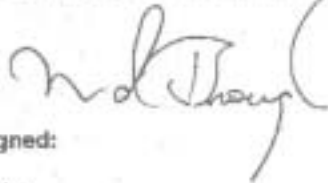
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SIGNATORIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The Hon Mal Brough MP
Minister for Family and Community
Services and Indigenous Affairs
on behalf of the Australian Government



Signed:

Date:

Mr Greg Mclean
Mayor
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council



Signed:

Date:

Mr Noel Pearson
Director
Cape York Institute
for Policy and Leadership
on behalf of the Institute



Signed:

Date:

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Question No: 023

Topic: Municipal Services

Hansard Page: CA115 28/5

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the review of local government services in South Australia due for completion in June-July 2007 on track – please confirm the completion date? Is the review going to be publicly available?

Answer:

The report was finalised and distributed to communities and councils in October 2007.

As the report was auspiced by the Local Government Association, any request for release beyond the parties involved would need to be made to them in the first instance.

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Question No: 026

Topic: Wadeye

Hansard Page: CA118 & 119 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Has the assessment of their skills been undertaken at the end of the construction to identify opportunities and linkages to related training courses? Can you confirm no training has been provided in that six months that can go towards any accredited course for these local employees?

Answer:

For the initial display homes local labour was used. However, they were not connected to formal training due to the short development and construction timelines.

Local Indigenous workers did receive on-the-job training in areas such as health and safety and the use of power tools.

Employment and formal training will be a component for the next stage to construct 20 houses.

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Question No: 027

Topic: Wadeye Painting Project

Hansard Page: CA119 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the name of the painting firm involved in major renovation work in Wadeye?

Answer:

The painting contractor is Thomas Hutcheson trading as Dundee Rocks Pty Ltd.

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Question No: 029

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

In late April, early May 2006 the Minister vowed to turn around the situation in Alice Springs within 12 months. When did the department or the Minister first approach the NT Government about them taking control of the town camp leases?

Answer:

The Town Camps Taskforce Report, released in June 2006, contained a number of recommendations relating to infrastructure and service provision. An Implementation Steering Committee comprising representatives of the Australian and NT governments and Tangentyere Council was set up to address the recommendations of this report. An options paper on land tenure issues, developed by the NTG, was tabled at the Implementation Steering Committee meeting of 2 February 2007. Recommendation 7 proposed standardising services to town camps and to do this, it became clear that local and NT governments would require control and authority over the land and housing - for instance to develop proper roads, lighting and management of housing stock. This was discussed at the 2 February Steering Committee Meeting and subsequent meetings.

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Question No: 030

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

When did your Department first approach the Tangentyere Council to discuss the specific proposal of handing back the leases to the NT Government?

Answer:

See answer to Question on Notice number 029.

Preliminary discussions around land tenure were held with members of the Implementation Steering Committee including Tangentyere Council through a workshop on 14 November 2006 and another meeting on 30 January 2007.

The Northern Territory Government tabled an issues report at the Implementation Steering Committee on 2 February 2007. Options, including relinquishment of leases, were further discussed at this and following meetings on 13 March 2007 and 30 March 2007.

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Question No: 31

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What happened between the months of May 2006 (when Clare Martin indicated NT Government's agreement with plans to take back control) and March 2007 when Minister Brough put \$70 million on the table for the town camps?

Answer:

The Town Camps Taskforce Report, released in June 2006, contained a number of recommendations relating to infrastructure and service provision. An Implementation Steering Committee comprising representatives of the Australian and NT governments and Tangentyere Council was set up to address the recommendations of this report.

Initial planning centred on the provision of funding to upgrade infrastructure services such as power, water and sewerage in order to bring town camps to the standard of other municipal suburbs in Alice Springs. As the planning progressed, the need to upgrade roads, improve street lighting and provide additional housing became apparent, however, this required more funding than was initially considered. It was deemed to be more cost effective to pursue the infrastructure and road upgrades and provision of additional housing simultaneously and the amount of funding offered for the Alice Springs Town Camps was increased.

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Question No: 032

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

The Minister said in late April 2006 that he could turn the situation around in 12 months, but it took ten months before he put a proposal on the table.

- a. How many times did the Department meet with the Tangentyere Council in that ten month period in relation to this issue?
- b. How many times did the Minister meet with the Tangentyere Council in that ten month period in relation to this issue?
- c. How many times did the Department meet with the Northern Territory Government in that ten month period in relation to this issue?
- d. How many times did the Minister meet with the Northern Territory Government in that ten month period in relation to this issue?

Answer:

The Department met with the Tangentyere Council five times on a formal basis at the Implementation Steering Committee meetings. In addition to these formal meetings, representatives from FaHCSIA met with Tangentyere Council at least another three times for informal discussions around this issue.

Due to the recent change of government, this information is no longer available.

The Department met with the NTG many times. These meetings took place at the local, state and national levels. At the local level these meetings were at least weekly and included different NT government departments such as the Housing and Local Govt, Planning and Infrastructure, Health and Community Services and Chief Minister's Departments. It would be difficult to ascertain, given all these levels of involvement, the actual number of meetings that took place during this time.

Due to the recent change of government, this information is no longer available.

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Question No: 033

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camp

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How long would you say that the negotiation period has gone on for over this deal? (That is negotiation including both the NT Government and the Tangentyre Council).

Answer:

Concentrated negotiations with Tangentyre Council and the Australian and Northern Territory Governments occurred between February and May 2007, with the offer of \$60 million to upgrade town camps under a 99 year lease arrangement made in May. Tangentyre declined the offer and returned with a counter offer in July which was not pursued by the previous government.

In September 2007, the Australian and Northern Territory Governments signed a MOU. A significant condition of the MOU is that the Northern Territory Government assumes responsibility for the provision of services to town camps.

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Question No: 034

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you confirm that up until April 19th, the position of the Australian Government was that Tangentyere Council must surrender its leases completely to the NT Government in order to receive the funding?

Answer:

Over the course of more than twelve months, negotiations relating to the town camps upgrade canvassed a number of options including relinquishment of the town camp leases.

On 18 April 2007, the then Minister announced that an acceptable form of land tenure would be 99 year sub leases where the town camp housing association retained underlying tenure.

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Question No: 035

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you confirm on April 19th, the Australian Government changed its position to allow Tangentyere to sub-lease residential parts of the town camp areas for 99 years rather than relinquishing their entire lease?

Answer:

See response to Question on Notice number 034.

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Question No: 036

Topic: Alice Springs town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you confirm that the Government subsequently gave Tangentyere Council one month to inform the town camp people of this new deal and to sign up?

Answer:

On 18 April 2007, the Minister announced that an acceptable form of land tenure would be 99 year sub leases where the town camp housing association retained underlying tenure.

As the negotiations had been ongoing for more than twelve months and as Tangentyere Council had agreed in principle to the bulk of the negotiable issues, the Minister asked town camp leaders to agree to sign a Memorandum Of Understanding confirming the agreement by 5pm on Friday 18 May 2007. Subsequently this deadline was extended to 5pm on Wednesday 23 June 2007.

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Question No: 037

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

In March 2007, Minister Brough committed \$70 million for town camps (\$20 million immediately and \$50 million condition upon lease change). Has that \$20 million been expended and what was it spent on?

Answer:

See also response to Question on Notice number 038.

\$10 million from the Connecting Neighbours Program was provided to the Northern Territory Government for essential services infrastructure upgrades in the town camps. Design of works and Aboriginal Area Protection Authority clearances are in progress for all Alice Springs town camps.

A further \$10 million was committed from the Aboriginals Benefit Account for the provision of short term visitor accommodation in Alice Springs. The project to develop short term visitor accommodation facilities in Alice Springs is still in the preliminary planning stage; therefore the funds have not been expended.

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Question No: 038

Topic: Alice Springs Town Camps

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Why did the offer go up from \$60 million to \$70 million (between March and April 2007)?

Answer:

The offer did not change between March and April 2007. The offer of funding was made up of three types of funding: \$10 million from the Aboriginal Benefit Account, \$10 million from the Connecting Neighbours Program and \$50 million from the Commonwealth Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP). In addition the Northern Territory Government committed \$10 million from its allocated CHIP funding.

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Question No: 039

Topic: WA Strategic Intervention Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Is this money now the money that the Government is promising to Halls Creek?
(\$51.4 million) see attached release.

Answer:

The Western Australia Government was offered a funding package of \$51.4 million, which includes a project in Halls Creek.

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Question No: 058

Topic: La Perouse Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Who is now responsible for housing in La Perouse?

Answer:

Land and houses in La Perouse are owned by the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Under the current Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Agreement between the Australian Government and the New South Wales (NSW) Government, the NSW Government has primary responsibility for Indigenous housing and infrastructure service delivery.

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Question No: 059

Topic: La Perouse Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Would FaCSIA demolish certain houses in La Perouse if that is what the community wanted or will it wipe its hands clean? (the community argue that existing housing stock is a liability and threat to health)

Answer:

The houses in La Perouse are owned by the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council. Any decision to demolish any of these houses would be one for the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and the New South Wales Government which has primary responsibility for Indigenous housing service delivery in La Perouse.

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Question No: 063

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

In your response to a Question on Notice (QoN) by Senator Evans in December 2006 you state that your discussion paper was informed by various sources including the Reeves review and HORCATSIA Review of the Reeves Review. The HORCATSIA Review unanimously recommended against any change to the permit system. Why was this not mentioned in the discussion paper? Why in fact were there no references to any of these papers in the discussion paper?

Answer:

The October 2006 Discussion Paper on reform of the permit system, *Access to Aboriginal land under the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act - Time for change?* was informed by a number of sources, including the 1998 Reeves review and the 1999 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (HORSCATSIA) Review of the Reeves Review. The Discussion Paper was also informed by the directions in Indigenous Affairs that the previous Australian Government had pursued.

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Question No: 068

Topic: Strategic Interventions in Priority Regions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Strategic Interventions Taskforce Group was established last year within FaCSIA as part of their new approach of "strategic interventions" in "priority communities". The Group receives \$5.1 million in departmental funding in 2006-07. The priority communities are: Mornington Island; Kalumburu; Alice Springs and Galiwin'ku.

In the OIPC's "Performance Management Framework", in the first year they will

- establish a community profile to report on the current status of the community using both quantitative and qualitative measures
- negotiate an action plan with the community that would include performance indicators
- begin implementing the agreed action plan

Have you achieved those benchmarks?

Answer:

Community profiles have been completed for the communities of Galiwin'ku and Kalumburu, and a consultant has been engaged to complete a profile of Mornington Island. Profiles are also being developed for a number of other sites in SA, Qld and WA. Work on a baseline profile for the Alice Springs Town Camps is currently on hold as future directions there are determined.

The community profiles are one of a number of tools used to engage directly with communities about their priorities and the development of action plans. Extensive discussion with communities has also occurred through other avenues and a number of initiatives have been implemented in response to issues identified. For example in Galiwin'ku the Commonwealth has provided funding for a police post and officer accommodation due to concerns about law and order, and a 'food card' system at the store in response to concerns about budgeting and nutrition. In Wadeye, plans are underway for construction of a 'safe house' to address concerns about the impact of family violence on the community.

Implementation of the strategic intervention approach also involves engagement with, and agreement from, relevant state and territory governments to allow the Australian Government to operate effectively. The program of work in each site has been negotiated with the Queensland, Western Australian and Northern Territory Governments, with signed agreements in place for WA and the NT.

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Topic: Strategic Interventions in Priority Regions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

In how many of those regions or communities have you negotiated an agreed action plan?

Answer:

Consultations with the Queensland, Western Australian and Northern Territory Governments have resulted in approaches (with signed agreement in Western Australian and the Northern Territory) for each of the Strategic Intervention sites, which set out the scope of agreed work and the intended outcomes for each community.

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Question No: 071

Topic: Strategic Interventions in Priority Regions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What have you done to date in these communities?

Answer:

For each of the Strategic Intervention sites, the Australian Government has been working with the relevant state and territory governments to identify the specific issues to be addressed and to agree the scope of work and funding required.

Site managers are also working closely with selected communities and a number of initiatives have been implemented, for example:

- In Wadeye - construction of new houses, local people repairing the damage caused in the riots, a community safe house, a children's services centre and youth diversionary activities.
- In Galiwin'ku - the community has identified law and order as a priority and in response the Australian Government has provided funding for a police post and officer accommodation. A Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) has been agreed around the development of a Food Card to help families budget for essential items.
- On Mornington Island - development of family-based SRAs and a "Former Origin Greats" (FOGS) sports based program are continuing. Other projects, such as a night patrol, are also being developed to help address community safety concerns.

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Question No: 072

Topic: Strategic Interventions in Priority Regions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How will these strategic interventions be different to the COAG trial approach?

Answer:

The COAG trial was an important model for the mainstreaming of Indigenous service delivery and trialling working together with state and territory governments and Indigenous communities to provide more flexible programs and services based on priorities agreed with those communities.

Strategic Interventions are similar to the COAG process in that they also tailor investment to the needs and circumstances of particular communities and work in conjunction with state and territory governments. In addition, discussions with Indigenous communities and other stakeholders, and a whole-of-government approach, are integral elements of the strategic intervention approach.

The main difference is the improvement in clustering of initiatives, sequencing of interventions, setting of priorities and creative use of incentives for each Strategic Intervention site. The principles of shared responsibility and mutual obligation are also critical in this new intensive approach.

We are drawing on lessons learned from the COAG trials and other work such as the interventions to support communities-in-crisis.

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Question No: 078

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreement Evaluations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

A total of \$114,529 was spent on the consultancy fees for the 28 evaluations, which is \$62,762 short of the \$177,291 figure provided last estimates. Can you please specify what the remainder of money was spent on?

Answer:

The cost of \$114, 529 represented the consultancy fees for the reviews. Additional costs related to travel and workshops that were held in relation to these reviews. With all these fees included, the total cost of the SRA evaluations totals \$177,291.

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Question No: 079

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreement Evaluations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How many more SRAs are being evaluated each financial year before the meta evaluation is being done? When will that be done?

Answer:

The first 28 SRA reviews were completed in September 2006. A second round of 52 reviews was completed in April 2007.

The Implementation review which includes an analysis of all 80 individual reviews undertaken to date, was released in July 2007.

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Question No: 080

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreement Evaluations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How are the consultants carrying out the evaluations being selected?

Answer:

The successful consultants were determined following a Request for Tender process that commenced on 12 November 2005 and was concluded on 16 December 2005.

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Question No: 081

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreements

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What data is being used as the baseline against which to evaluate the SRAs?

Answer:

The SRA framework was established to be flexible and to address the variation in community priorities and needs. As such, each SRA is unique and therefore the outcomes to be achieved and the milestones for measuring progress of these agreements will vary.

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Question No: 082

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreements

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What methodology are they using – for instance desk top audit or actually visiting every project?

Answer:

The consultants met with key community participants and also with Commonwealth and State Government lead agency representatives and ICC staff. These consultations were undertaken at site visits, which gave the consultants the opportunity to conduct face-to-face interviews with the key people involved in the SRAs.

The methodology included analysis of the 80 Agreement documents. All 80 evaluations involved individual site visits.

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Question No: 085

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Were the traditional owners (T/O's) ever provided with an independent professional valuation of the land leased as forestry plantations? If so when and through which agency?

Answer:

Yes, in 1997/98 through the Australian Valuation Office.

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Question No: 086

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Has Tiwi Land Council (TLC) ever met with the Australian Valuation Office (AVO)? Have the T/O's or the Land Council ever received any advice from the AVO, if so when and along what lines?

Answer:

Yes they have met and have received advice regarding a Rental Valuation Report of 19 August 1998 of the AVO referring to a "proposed rental agreement between Tiwi Land Council and Sylvatech Ltd."

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Question No: 087

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

When the AVO conducted its first and only valuation in 1998 was it asked to advise the leasehold value specifically for forestry use?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question No: 088

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

When will the TLC next be seeking an independent land valuation on behalf of the T/O's? If not, why not? How will the organisation to do this be selected?

Answer:

2008. TLC has discussed and submitted (October 2007) a request to the AVO for forestry a land re-valuation. Selection on valuation competence, NT Land use knowledge and experience.

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Question No: 089

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

To date what is the value of the logs exported from the Tiwi islands? Who actually owns the logs exported – is it Great Southern Plantations? Pentarch? Which company?

Answer:

This question was answered in Parliamentary Question on Notice number 2820 of 2006. This is a commercial matter not a Land Council matter.

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Question No: 090

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Which company is responsible for a) the plantation b) Logging and transporting logs to the port c) Shipping d) The actual sales e) The financial records ?

Answer:

Great Southern Limited.

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Question No: 091

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

What information on sales is provided to TLC?

Answer:

This information was provided in Parliamentary Question on Notice number 2820 (part 34) of 2006. This is a commercial matter with the landowners and not the Land Council.

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Question No: 092

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

When logs are shipped is payment made at the point of departure, or when the logs are sold at their destination?

Answer:

The answer to this question was answered in Parliamentary Question on Notice number 2820 part 33(a) of 2006. This is a commercial not a Land Council matter.

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Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Subsequent to that payment what happens to the sales proceeds – into which company or account does it go?

Answer:

This is a commercial not a Land Council matter.

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Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

How then are any payments to the T/Os calculated, when are they paid, by whom and to whom (individuals or the TLC)?

Answer:

Payments to T/Os are calculated on use of land. They are paid quarterly by Great Southern Limited to 44 land owning families accounts. No payments are made to TLC. Annual Reports specifically refer to administration and distribution of these payments;-Annual Report 27, 2005/06 at page 34; Annual Report 28, 2006/07 at pages 30 and 31, refer.

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Question No: 095

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Has the TLC had any sound explanation from the company about how each of the first 6 shipments of logs made losses?

Answer:

Yes

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Question No: 096

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

The 7th shipment of logs returned a profit of \$75,000. To whom was that profit paid? Have there been any further shipments since? If so to what value?

Answer:

This answer has been previously provided in Parliamentary Question on Notice number 2820 (Part 38) of 2006. As advised to the Senate Committee, this is not a Land Council matter.

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Question No: 097

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

What happens to money received by the Tiwi Island Community Trust? Is Pirntubula Ltd still the trustee company? What role if any do they have in distributing funds?

Answer:

This is a commercial not a Land Council matter.

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Question No: 098

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Do the Pirntubula Board members who are also employees of Great Southern or Matilda Mining declare any conflicts of interest if discussing matters relating to projects on which they work?

Answer:

This is a commercial not a Land Council matter.

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Question No: 099

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

Could we have a copy of the audited accounts of the Tiwi Island Community trust?

Answer:

This is not a Land Council matter.

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Question No: 100

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

How accessible to the community population in general are any financial records?

Answer:

All financial records of all Commonwealth monies are accessible to the general community through annual reports distributed and through the Land Council web site. All financial records of all landowner private funds are accessible to their 100 plus Fund Managers and are provided also to the landowners themselves by their private accountants as monthly statements.

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Question No: 101

Topic: TLC

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked

In a document provided to the traditional owners on March 21st at a meeting at Nguiu, Great Southern Plantations admitted that they had breached some of the legally binding Commonwealth environment conditions by clearing several areas of buffer that are supposed to be retained around environmentally sensitive areas.

- Is this correct that environment conditions were breached?
- Have any of these illegally cleared areas been replanted with acacias?
- GSP claim these breaches occurred under the previous owner – Sylvatech. To the best of knowledge of the T/O's is this true or did illegal clearing continue after GSP took over in 2005

Answer:

Answers to Questions 053; 055 of Supplementary Estimates November 2006, Parliamentary Question on Notice 2820 (part 3) of 2006, Annual Reports of 1999/2000 (pages 20,39,40 and 41), Annual Report 2000/01 pages 26 to 31), Annual Report 2003/4 (pages 22 and 23), Annual Report 2004/05 (pages 22 to 26), Annual Report 2005/06 (pages 22 to 24 and Annual Report 2006/07 (pages 21 to 25) provide part of these responses.

On 21 March 2007, the Land Council attended a Tiwi Education Board Meeting at Nguiu. There is no reference to Great Southern at this meeting other than discussion of \$1.5m donation to the Tiwi College.

Land Council staff did, however, attend at meetings between Great Southern and 478 adult Tiwi Landowners conducted throughout the Tiwi Islands from 21 to 26 March 2007. Our records of these meetings include a determination by 476 of these adults for assessments of areas of their land suitable for forestry. There is no record of any document known to the Land Council “admitting breaches of environmental conditions” by Great Southern.

Great Southern and Tiwi Land Council have undertaken a voluntary environmental audit additional to an independent environmental audit of the entire operations of the Tiwi Islands Forestry Project. These reports have been supplied to the Department of Environment and Water Resources.

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Question No: 291

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

What functions within the organisations are intended to be merged?

Answer:

All functions within the organisations are intended to be merged. The intention is to have one organisation, with branch offices in current locations.

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Question No: 292

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Is it the expectation that these mergers will occur within the next twelve months?

Answer:

The merger is proposed to be effective from 1 July 2008.

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Question No: 293

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

What was the basis for the decision to force the merger? Does the Department envisage that savings will result as a result of the merger? If not, what is the basis for the merger? If so, what is the expected extent of the savings, and does the Department have any plans of where they want to direct them?

Answer:

The aim is to provide more efficient and effective native title services in a part of the country where there are a number of small organisations which have found it difficult to achieve outcomes.

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Question No: 294

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Will there be a continuity of service to native title claimants within the geographic boundaries in the event of any merger process or withholding of funding?

Answer:

There will be continuity of service and, no withholding of funding.

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Question No: 017

Topic: Cape York Digital Network

Hansard Page: CA92 28/5

Senator Bartlett asked:

Can you tell me how much has been spent on the Cape York Digital Network to date broken down between the six centres?

Answer:

The department does not hold information on the expenditure on each of the six of the 16 centres that will continue operating. The funding provided in 2006-07 covered 16 locations and was not allocated centre by centre.

A total of \$1,175,000 was provided for the network to 30 June 2007. \$2,200,000 will be provided to the network over the four years to 2010-11, including \$540,000.00 for the 2007-08 financial year.

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Question No: 018

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: C109 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

How much has each of the four homes cost that have been built already at Wudapuli and Nama?

Answer:

The cost of the four display houses was:

House	Cost
Wudapuli Bennett House	\$559,004
Wudapuli Faith House	\$512,401
Nama Bennett house	\$507,478
Nama Faith House	\$512,401
Subtotal	\$2,091,284
Preliminaries	\$957,563
IBA Management Fee	\$385,377
TOTAL	\$3,434,224

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Question No: 019

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: C109 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Will the upgrade and/or maintenance of the road come out of the Community Housing and Infrastructure program (CHIP) funding? How many houses will be able to be built out of the \$3 million?

Answer:

Yes the cost of the upgrade to the Wudapuli and Nama access road was funded from the CHIP appropriation.

The total cost for construction of the four display houses at Wudapuli and Nama in 2006-07 was \$3,434,224.

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Question No: 020

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: C109 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

How much money have you given to Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)? How do you pay IBA? Do you pay IBA on receipt of invoices from them or have you given them the \$3 million in a lump sum to manage on your behalf?

Answer:

IBA was paid \$6 million for the trialling of innovative and affordable housing options in remote Indigenous communities and \$1.92 million for the upgrade to the Wudapuli and Nama access road to support the new houses.

IBA was provided with a lump sum to manage on behalf of the department.

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Question No: 021

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: C109 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the nature of the relationship between you and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) – what is the nature of the contract and what is specifies?

Answer:

The department has a Long Form Funding Agreement with Indigenous Business Australia to deliver these projects on behalf of the Australian Government.

The funding agreement sets out the terms and conditions of funding, and the specific details of this project, including funding amounts and project milestones.

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Question No: 022

Topic: IBA/Wudapuli and Nama

Hansard Page: 112 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

With relations to Wudapuli, can you tell me the cost of fixing Perrederr Road? What is the budgeted amount for that road?

Answer:

On 4 October, 2007 the former Minister approved funding of up to \$2.5 million.

A later independent costing increased the estimated cost to \$4 million. However, the final cost will be dependant on quotes received from the market.

The up-grade of Perrederr Road is currently on hold pending a decision on the future of housing development at Perrederr.

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Question No: 040

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How much was expended in building each of these homes? How much of that figure was transportation and other additional costs incurred by building in the wet?

Answer:

The total cost for construction of the four display houses at Wudapuli and Nama was \$3,434,224.

The additional costs for transportation was \$379,244.

The costs incurred due to construction during the wet were \$464,000.

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Question No: 041

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Were any of the materials needed actually flown in to Wadeye?

Answer:

Yes, some materials including screws, replacement windows and flashings, and minor door hardware, were flown in due to the wet season restrictions on using road transport.

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Question No: 042

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How long will the Indigenous Business Australia's (IBA) lease be over the land where the homes are? If it is only 25-30 years (the life of the mortgage) does that mean by the time the home buyer pays off their mortgage and own the lease, the lease will expire and they will own nothing?

Answer:

The term of the lease is 40 years, commencing from 1 July 2007. The scheme anticipates that good renters who subsequently move on to home ownership would obtain an individual 99 year long term lease and IBA's 40 year lease would cease.

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Question No: 043

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Has anyone undertaken research to find out the level of Centrelink debts among their remote clients?

Answer:

Yes, FaHCSIA has investigated the level of Centrelink debt held by certain remote Indigenous customers.

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Question No: 044

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What happens if at the end of the two year renting period the occupant decides they do not want to buy the house – will they be evicted?

Answer:

The department is currently preparing advice for the Minister on the future tenancy and purchase arrangements for these houses.

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Question No: 045

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What happens if the “tenant” or other person permitted to reside in the house fails to send kids to school? Are they evicted and by whom? Who monitors this, how often, and at what cost?

Answer:

The department is currently preparing advice for the Minister on the future tenancy and purchase arrangements for these houses.

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Question No: 046

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Is there any actual limit imposed on the numbers who can reside in the houses?

Answer:

No limit is imposed on the number of people residing in the houses, as families are assessed on a case by case basis. The size of the house and family structure are considered when undertaking the assessments.

This approach is consistent with Northern Territory Government public housing approach.

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Question No: 047

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the current status of the land on which these houses are built – from the copy of the “House Occupancy Agreement” dated 26 February 2007, that I have, the “tenants” were to be licensees until such time the land was leased by Daly River Land Trust to Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). Does this mean that these tenants are not yet legally “tenants”? How long will it take until you obtain a lease and this lease-purchase scheme begins?

Answer:

On 14 February 2008 a section 19 lease was signed under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (ALRA) over the land on which houses are built. The lease is between Indigenous Business Australia, Port Keats/Daly River Land Trust and the Northern Land Council.

Prior to the lease being signed the Daly River Land Trust had granted Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) a licence to occupy the land and erect houses. Under this arrangement IBA (subject to the terms of the House Occupancy Agreement) permitted the occupants to reside in the house as licensees.

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Question No: 048

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What insulation material has been provided in the ceiling of the houses? Do the rooms all have fans?

Answer:

The insulation material provided to the ceilings of the houses is Aircell reflective insulation. Fans were installed to all rooms.

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Question No: 049

Topic: Wadeye Outstations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

When or if it comes to the purchase stage, who will carry out an independent valuation of the houses to set the purchase price?

Answer:

The department is currently preparing advice for the Minister on the future tenancy and purchase arrangements for these houses.

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Question No: 050

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

If the “tenant” or occupant leaves the houses does everyone else permitted to reside there have to leave too?

Answer:

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) policy in this regard will be similar to that used by state and territory public housing authorities. Depending on the circumstances, IBA would be able to negotiate a variation to the occupancy arrangements.

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Question No: 051

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

To whom is any damage reported, how, and who then organises any repairs?

Answer:

All issues relating to tenancy and property management are reported to the Indigenous Business Australia property manager located in Wadeye. That person is responsible for organising any repairs and maintenance.

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Question No: 052

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Is there any Home Management training or advice to assist them look after the home better?

Answer:

Families receive Home Living Skills training that provides them with skills to maintain a home that is safe and environmentally healthy, in addition to Money Management training.

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Question No: 053

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama Homes - Homelands

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Can we now take it that homelands are no longer seen as cultural and non sustainable museums?

Answer:

The decision to develop Wudapuli and Nama was taken by the previous government.

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Question No: 060

Topic: Grey Nomads Initiative

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How much funding has been spent to date?

Answer:

As of early February 2008, the National Seniors Association has been paid \$232,632.40 (GST inclusive). These funds have been used to employ a project coordinator, cover establishment costs, scope projects and to cover expenses for projects in Hopevale, Wadeye and Docker River.

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Question No: 061

Topic: Grey Nomads Initiative

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What has been achieved on the ground to date?

Answer:

Volunteers have been deployed to Hopevale, Wadeye, Ngulu, Docker River and Daly River. Projects have included educational and remedial assistance; business assistance; trade projects; and market garden projects.

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Question No: 062

Topic: Grey Nomads Initiative

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How many senior volunteers have been deployed to date?

Answer:

As of December 2007, 25 volunteers had been deployed to communities. These volunteers covered a total of 45 projects.

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Question No: 073

Topic: Coalition Election Promises 2004: Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

For each of the following Coalition Re-election promises (outlined in the 2004 election policy "Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility):

- Across the Northern Territory – investing in the Indigenous art industry to maintain and enhance production and quality of Indigenous art in the Northern Territory.
- In the Darwin region – an investment of up to \$2 million to support Indigenous involvement in the aquaculture industry.
- In the Daly River, Wadeye and Northern Arnhem Land – funding a viability assessment of the economic benefit of using Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) funding to provide Indigenous people with a financial stake in the Northern Territory gas pipeline as proposed by the Northern Land Council.
- In Groote Eylandt – funding of up to \$2 million to support Indigenous involvement in the aquaculture industry.
- In Alice Springs – funding of up to \$2 million to further support the development of Indigenous horticulture projects in association with the Central Land Council.
- In Tennant Creek – funding Jilalakari to undertake a study of the viability of a joint venture in rubbish recycling.
- In the Katherine region – investing in the tourism industry, including measures that would increase the Jawoyn people's economic involvement in the Nitmiluk National Park.
- In the Tiwi Islands – funding a comprehensive study of the viability of further Indigenous investment in the expanding plantation timber export industry, including the potential for Indigenous equity in a chip mill.
- In partnership with Indigenous people of Nhulunbuy and Alcan, developing a housing construction and housing rental business programme and exploring other business related activities to take advantage of the expansion of the Alcan mine.

Specify the total amount of money that has been expended on the project to date since the 2004 election. Specify what outcomes have been achieved or progress made on each of those projects.

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Answer:

As at 30 December 2007:

Across the Northern Territory

Approximately \$5.2 million has been approved and \$883,000 released. Other amounts approved, but not yet invested, include \$2.2 million to provide the Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation funds for the construction of the Maningrida Art Centre and \$100,000 for extensions to the Ngurratjuta Pmara Ntarra art gallery.

In the Darwin region

\$455,000 has been approved and released to support Indigenous involvement in the aquaculture industry. The Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc received funding to support three traineeships at a local mud crab farm for students pursuing aquaculture studies at Charles Darwin University. The organisation also received assistance to establish a local market for its produce. The employment outcomes for local Indigenous people and the sales of produce have been disappointing.

Northern Territory gas pipeline

The Department contracted a consultant at a cost of \$98,320 to undertake a viability assessment of the project. The report is due shortly. This is a high risk and complex project that involves a number of parties.

Groote Eylandt aquaculture industry

The project proponent has been asked to provide additional information which has yet to be received. Further, the outcome of an appeal to the High Court on access for commercial fishing activities will impact on the viability of this project.

Indigenous horticulture projects

\$279,000 has been approved and released. The Traditional Owners recently agreed to a lease arrangement at Ali Curung with a commercial operator and horticulture activities are expected to commence shortly.

Jilalakari rubbish recycling project

The project at Tennant Creek was assessed as commercially unviable in a study funded by Indigenous Business Australia.

The Jawoyn people

Almost \$1.2 million has been released from a grant of \$3.13 million. Funds were used by the Jawoyn people to buy out a non-Indigenous partner in the enterprise.

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Tiwi Islands

\$80,000 was expended on an infrastructure feasibility scoping study to identify economic development opportunities on the Tiwi Islands. The report has been provided to the Tiwi Land Council.

Indigenous people of Nhulunbuy and Alcan

At Nhulunbuy \$1.37 million has been spent on the construction of investment housing. This enterprise is responding to a severe rental housing shortage by providing housing for employees of businesses, agencies and mining contractors. This project provided employment opportunities for Indigenous people during the construction of the houses and enabled Indigenous people to acquire equity in an income producing enterprise.

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Question No: 074

Topic: Coalition Election Promises 2004: Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the total value of economic development proposals that have been granted by the Minister from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) since the 2004 election? Does this figure include money allocated for housing or home ownership projects? What is the figure excluding housing or home ownership projects?

Answer:

As at 30 December 2007:

Approximately \$10 million has been granted for economic development projects, excluding housing or home ownership projects, from the Aboriginals Benefit Account since the 2004 election.

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Question No: 076

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreement Evaluations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How much in total is available to be spent under Shared Responsibility Agreements in 2006-07? In 2007-08?

Answer:

In 2006-07, \$34.2 million was spent under the Shared Responsibility Agreements Implementation Assistance Program (FaCSIA Annual Report 2006-07, p72).

In 2007-08, the Shared Responsibility Agreements Implementation Assistance Program and the Family and Community Network Initiative form part of the Indigenous Communities Strategic Investment Fund, with \$27.4 million available in total (the figure of \$29.391 on p76 of the FaCSIA Portfolio Budget Statement is incorrect and will be corrected in Additional Estimates).

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Question No: 077

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreement Evaluations

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Of the \$75 million earmarked from other agencies, plus the \$34 million allocated to OIPC to implement SRAs in 2006-07, how much has been spent?

Answer:

Several key government agencies are to contribute a minimum of \$75 million over four years from 2006-07 to reduce Indigenous disadvantage through the development and implementation of Shared Responsibility Agreements, Regional Partnership Agreements, agreements with the state and territory governments and other strategic and priority interventions. \$29.01m was spent in 2006-7.

In 2006-07, \$34.2 million was spent under the Shared Responsibility Implementation Assistance Program (FaCSIA Annual Report 2006-07, p. 72).

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Question No: 157

Topic: Youth Integrated Services – Central Australia

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

I refer to the Government's announcement of \$8 million for a integrated youth services contract in Central Australia. I'm aware that at the time of this announcement the NPY Women's Council was advised they would no longer receive youth funding under the Reconnect Program. Can you confirm that is true?

Answer:

At the time of the announcement of the NT Integrated Youth Services Project, NPY Women's Council were advised in writing that FaHCSIA was changing its youth servicing strategy in remote communities in Central Australia. At the same time, the Council was also advised that FaHCSIA would not be funding a Reconnect service in the communities of Kaltukatjara and Apatula after the current funding agreement with NPY Women's Council for delivery of Reconnect services to these two communities expired on 30 June 2007.

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Question No: 158

Topic: Youth Integrated Services – Central Australia

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Is the \$8 million funding over 4 years? How much will be spent in first year?

Answer:

The NT Integrated Youth Service Project has been approved for funding for four years from 2006/07. An amount of \$826,655 was spent up to 30 June 2007.

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Question No: 161

Topic: Youth Integrated Services – Central Australia

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

Where will this Reconnect money go instead? Into the integrated services?

Answer:

The Reconnect program funding for Kaltukatjara and Apatula has been redirected to the NT Integrated Youth Services Project.

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Question No: 162

Topic: Youth Integrated Services – Central Australia

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How much of this \$8 million was new money?

Answer:

None of the funding for the Northern Territory Integrated Youth Services Project was new money. The funding comes from appropriated funds provided by FaCSIA, the Attorney General's Department and the Department of Education, Science and Training. The FaCSIA contribution is from the 2006-07 Strengthening Indigenous Communities – Reducing Substance Abuse (Petrol Sniffing) Budget measure, the Shared Responsibility Agreements Implementation Assistance Program, the FaCSIA Flexible Funding Pool and the Reconnect appropriation. It is possible that some funding from the Aboriginals Benefit Account may also be used to support the project in future.

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Question No: 163

Topic: Youth Integrated Services – Central Australia

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Crossin asked:

How did the department come to develop this integrated service delivery model? Did the NPY Women's Council assist in developing this model?

Answer:

The Integrated Youth Service Project model was developed in consultation with participating Australian Government agencies along with an assessment of services in field. The model is a well-recognised approach based on best practice.

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Question No: 288

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Has the Department has guaranteed funding beyond the 2007-08 financial year for the:

- i) Queensland South Native Title Services;
- ii) Gurang Land Council, Carpentaria Land Council;
- iii) Central Queensland Land Council?

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 289

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Is it correct that the Department has provided funding to some of these organisations on the condition that they enter into merger negotiations with each other?
If so, which ones.

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 290

Topic: Funding Native Title Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

When was the decision made to fund these organisations on the basis of mergers, and by whom was it made?

Answer:

The then Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs announced on 6 June 2007 that the numbers of native title organisations in Queensland would be rationalised through an amalgamation process. The decision on the amalgamation was made in the context of the reform of native title representative bodies. Funding is determined in accordance with the legislation administered by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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Question No: 083

Topic: AHL/Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

Hansard Page: CA96 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you provide the number of young adults in each of the 10 places you specified?

Answer:

The numbers of young adults in IYMP hostels as at 30 May 2007 was 56.

The number of young adults per location are:

Perth	17
Darwin	7
Cairns	6

Townsville 1

Toowoomba 3

Newcastle 5

Dubbo 0

Canberra 4

Shepparton 5

Adelaide 8

Total 56

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Question No: 084

Topic: AHL/AWA's

Hansard Page: CA97 28/5

Senator Crossin asked:

With AWAs how many of the AWAs have been varied outside of the 'identical' groups and where were these positions based?

Answer:

Of the 414 AWAs that have been signed, approximately 100 of these have been varied. The variations have occurred in both administrative and industrial staff AWAs.

The positions that have varied AWAs are based in all nine AHL regions, Western Australia, South Australia, Central Australia, Northern Australia, Northern Queensland, Southern Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT.

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Answers to questions provided to Minister Brough on 8 November 2006

These questions were handed to Minister Brough on 9 November 2006 when he visited the Tiwi Islands. The negotiating team for the Nguuu land owners has since asked that the Australian Government negotiating team answer (to the extent possible) the queries raised.

Questions 1 and 3

Did the OIPC provide the Tiwi traditional owners with information about the 'nature and purpose of the proposed head lease over Nguuu before the signing of the Heads of Agreement?

If the process to establish a head lease over Nguuu continues, what will be the stages of the consultation process?

The Heads of Agreements provides only for "in principle" agreement to a 99 year head lease on terms to be agreed. Such a head lease is in development in the course of negotiations between a negotiation team nominated to represent traditional owners and an Australian Government negotiation team on behalf of the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Mal Brough.

If and when an agreement is reached between negotiating teams, the proposal would require endorsement by the traditional owners and the Minister. Section 19A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Land Rights Act) requires a stringent process to be carried out by the Land Council which includes ensuring that traditional owners are provided with all necessary information in order that they understand the nature and purpose of the proposed lease.

No lease can be granted until the relevant Land Council has given a direction to the Land Trust to that effect. The Land Council is prohibited from giving such a direction unless *"it is satisfied that:*

(a) the traditional Aboriginal owners (if any) of the land understand the nature and purpose of the proposed lease and, as a group, consent to it; and

(b) any Aboriginal community or group that may be affected by the proposed lease has been consulted and has had adequate opportunity to express its view to the Land Council; and

(c) the terms and conditions of the proposed lease (except those relating to matters covered by this section) are reasonable."

The full text of section 19A is attached.

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Question 2

What was the timeline for Traditional Owners receiving information about the head lease, and signing the agreement? Will Traditional Owners have a say in the timelines for decisions?

The Heads of Agreement expresses an intention for a head lease to be concluded by 31 December 2006. That intention was not able to be met. Although the Australian Government hopes that a head lease can be concluded as soon as possible, there are no binding timelines on traditional owners and negotiations will continue until an agreement is reached or one or more parties decides they no longer wish to negotiate.

Question 4

Will the information be presented to the wider community in Tiwi language?

Material in local language will be provided by the Land Council or the Government as appropriate.

Question 5

What would be the implications of withdrawing consent to the Heads of Agreement?

The implication of the Tiwi withdrawing from the Heads Agreement would be that the head lease does not proceed and that any payment and / or package of benefits which Government might have been prepared to offer in return for a head lease would not be made.

Other government funding and programmes will continue unaffected.

Question 6

Are there any stages along the way for the Traditional Owners to withdraw from the process without consequences?

Traditional owners can withdraw from negotiations at any time up until the Land Council directs to the Land Trust to grant the head lease.

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Question 7

Has the Tiwi Land Council consulted with the Traditional Owners about the nature of the head lease and the potential impacts of the head lease? If so, what were the timelines for the Traditional Owners to think about this issue in advance of signing the Heads of Agreement, and how was the information presented to them?

This questions should be directed to the Tiwi Land Council.

Question 8

Have the Traditional Owners been offered appropriate and independent legal advice regarding the potential impact of the lease?

The traditional owners have convened a negotiating team which includes independent advice and assistance including legal advice.

Question 9

Have the Traditional Owners been told what rights and responsibilities they have over the land once the 99 year lease has been signed?

The nature of the traditional owners rights and responsibilities under a head lease are partly set by the legislation but to a large extent determined by the terms of the head lease as negotiated amongst the parties. These negotiations are underway between negotiating teams.

Full information as to the nature and purpose of the lease (including the rights and responsibilities of traditional owners) must be provided to traditional owners in order to fulfil the requirement of the act as described in response to Questions 1 and 3 above (see also full text of section 19A of the Land Rights Act which is attached). This process is a statutory responsibility of the Land Council.

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Question 10 and 11

Why is the 10M in funding for the boarding school tied to the 99 Year lease over Nguiu? Is there a relationship between these two matters?

What will happen to the \$10M for the boarding school if the Traditional Owners decide to withdraw consent to the head lease proposal?

The Minister has listened to the concerns expressed in relation to the apparent linkage between the commitment to build the Tiwi College and the finalisation of a head lease. The Minister has now confirmed that the construction of the College will proceed even if the head lease does not. Indeed, preliminary work towards the de-contamination of the site in anticipation of construction is proceeding.

However, the substantial investment being made by the Australian Government (total of \$13million) should be regarded as part of the total package of benefits to the Nguiu traditional owners and community which the government is prepared to offer in return for the head lease.

Question 12

Why has the government chosen a Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) including provisions regarding a boarding school for this 99 Year head lease over Nguiu rather than enacting a 99 Year head lease agreement through the new provisions under the amended Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Legislation (Cth) 1976?

The 99 head lease is proposed to be granted pursuant to section 19A of the Land Rights Act. The proposed SRA would relate to government and community contributions and obligations to support the operation of the college.

Question 13

Can the head lessor occupy and use the land for any purpose?

No - the entity will be subject to applicable Commonwealth and Northern Territory laws in relation to land use and subject to any further restrictions provided for in the head lease.

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Questions 14 and 16

How will the value of the land be assessed and what payment will traditional owners receive per annum for rent on their land or will they get only a one off payment and if yes, how much will it be for? Will the rental on the 99 Year head lease keep pace with CPI?

The amount of payment to traditional owners for a head lease and the timing of payments are matters for negotiation.

Question 15

Will Traditional Owners have a say in accepting or rejecting the rental offer once made?

Yes.

Question 17

Where will the money for the head lease come from in the short term and the long term? How will the funding for the 99 Year head lease be made sustainable over the time?

The Australian Government has indicated that initial payments will be made from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (see section 64(4A) of the Land Rights Act). It is the intention that any payments due in later years will be met from sub leasing income paid to the entity such that the entity will become self-sustaining.

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Question 18

If the money is to come from the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA), then in what ways will the ABA funds benefit other non-Nguiu Traditional Owner people given that the ABA funds are supposed to benefit all NT Aboriginal people? In effect, will some Traditional Owners get a much bigger share of the ABA funds than others?

The township leasing scheme will provide benefits to all community residents in addition to a return to traditional owners. The head lease arrangement will allow for residents to buy their own homes and facilitate greater economic development in the town. The Australian Government also sees a head lease as an important first step in assisting with substantial investment in townships on Aboriginal land. It is open to discussion about a broader package of community measures, with those groups who are interested in township leasing.

Question 19

What will happen at the expiry of the 99 Year head lease should the Traditional Owners at that time decide not to renew? For example, could the sub-lessors be moved off their land?

The head lease will expire at the conclusion of 99 years unless the land owners and other parties agree to a renewal. The Act provides for a process to renew the head lease before the end of the 69th year if Traditional Owners so choose.

If the lease is not renewed, the land would then revert to the same arrangement as at present.

No sub-lease will have a term which exceeds beyond the expiry of the head lease.

Question 20

Can OIPC provide funds to engage independent legal advice and a non government conveyancing agent?

The negotiation team nominated by the TLC on behalf of traditional owners include a lawyer and other engaged negotiation advisers. The TLC has been invited to apply to the Minister for supplementary funding to cover the costs of the negotiations.

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Question 21

How will you determine the rental amount for subleases? Will there be a difference for commercial leases versus residential? Will Traditional Owners have to pay rental on a sublease plot? Will there be a difference in rental charged for (a) Tiwi, or (b) non Tiwi (c) government - local, Territory and federal governments and (d) non-Aboriginal residents?

The Entity holding the lease will be responsible for determining the rental payment to be made under sub-leases and the head lease is prohibited from making specific provision for the payment of non-payment of rent under a sub-lease. The entity will also be responsible for deciding whether there will also be responsible for deciding whether there will be different categories of sub-lease but this aspect of its operations can be subject to the head lease.

The Australian Government would expect residential and commercial leases to differ in the same way as they do in towns off Aboriginal land. It would be open to the parties to negotiate provisions in a head lease which deal with the sub-lease regime generally. Such regulation could limit the permissible categories of sub-lease or preclude sub-leases of a certain type - for example to a fast food operator or gambling establishment. It might also provide for development restrictions over and above the limitations placed by any planning scheme put in place by the Northern Territory.

The Australian Government favours as few sub leasing restrictions as possible so as to facilitate maximum economic development. Any substantial restriction on the commerciality of the scheme is likely to reduce the value of the head lease and hence the amount the Australian Government would be prepared to pay.

Any limitation on the commerciality of the sub-leasing regime will also reduce the prosperity of the town with reduced benefits for all.

Question 22

What happens in the event that there is default on sublease rental payment?

The entity holding the head lease could enforce the sub-lease in accordance with its terms.

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Question 23

Is there possibility for termination of the lease?

The head lease cannot be terminated. The 99 year term is set by the legislation.

Sub-leases will be able to be terminated in accordance with the terms of the particular sub-leases.

Questions 24 and 25

Is there a possibility that people who do not pay for the lease or who default on the lease will be moved out of town?

If this is the case, where will they live? Is there a possibility that the leasing scheme could create homelessness for some Tiwi who are unable to pay?

The Australian Government position is that there should be no disruption to the position of residents upon entry into a head lease. Once a head lease is in place, the entity will gradually move occupants onto sub-leases in an orderly manner over time.

Where families and individuals occupy housing managed by a housing association or Territory Housing, that body will hold the sub-lease from the entity and the relationship between the tenant and housing body is not expected to change as a result of the head lease.

Persons who choose home ownership will hold their own sublease and will be required to comply with the terms of that sub-leases. However, the Australian Government (through Indigenous Business Australia) is developing programmes which will assist people to make the transition to the benefits of home ownership by subsidising the cost of housing and facilitating loans.

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Question 26 and 27

What will be the composition of the entity with responsibility for holding the head lease? What will be the membership? Will it be an NT statutory authority? Is there potential that the head lessor will not be a statutory entity or departmental body, but rather a corporation.

These questions should also be directed to Northern Territory Government. The Australian Government has maintained a preference for the entity which holds head leases to be established by the Northern Territory given its primary responsibility for land management in the Northern Territory and the fact that the key areas of planning, public housing and local government are responsibilities of the Northern Territory Government. However the Northern Territory Government has not proceeded to establish the proposed Northern Territory Township Leasing Authority and has declined to commit itself to any timetable.

The Australian Government will not allow the absence of an NT entity to frustrate the aspirations of those land owners who wish to enter into a section 1 9A lease and will move to establish a Commonwealth entity as is also provided for by the Aboriginal Land Right (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (the Land Rights Act). Options for such an entity include a company or a government department. Whatever the composition of the entity, it will be required to act within the terms of the head lease which has been agreed with traditional owners.

Question 28

Will the entity operate on a profit or not-for-profit bases?

The entity will operate on the basis that any profits will be returned to the Aboriginal community.

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Question 29

What kind of restrictions or veto (if any) can Traditional Owners put on controversial developments (such as foreign owned fast-food outlets, places of gambling, mining, tourism etc). Will the requirement for a permit to enter Tiwi lands be affected?

The head lease could contain provisions limiting or governing the manner in which sub-leases are issued and these provisions might, for example, set up the system of sub leasing and preclude the issue of a particular type of sub-lease or to a particular class of business. However, the legislation does not allow the head lease to provide that the consent of any person is required prior to the issue of a sub-lease. This means that traditional owners cannot retain a veto over the issue of any particular sub-lease.

Permit requirements to enter the Tiwi Islands would be modified within the area subject to a head lease by operation of section 70(2C) so that a person would not require a permit to enter or remain on land within the township where they need to be on that land in order to make use of a sub-lease. This modification is limited and does not make the town entirely "open". A permit would still be required for any person who does not have legitimate business in relation to a sub-lease or for a person who wanted to go places in the town beyond their business in relation to a sublease.

Question 30

What capacity is there for the 'entity' to negotiate building and other projects with outside developers and what will their relationship/powers be over the Tiwi Local Government Association?

The entity may deal with an outside developer subject to the provisions of the head lease.

The position of local government in the Tiwi Islands would be unaffected by the head lease.

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Question 31

Does the government have any estimates of how much a house will cost to buy on Nguiu?

The government does not have estimates as to how much houses will cost to buy on Nguiu. The prices will range greatly as houses range from existing poor standard houses to newly constructed houses of a good standard.

The Australian Government, through Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), will facilitate an independent valuation of each house on Nguiu once there is a clear indication that the community is going to proceed with a head lease and participate in the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) initiative.

The valuation will identify a fair purchase price for each house given its present state of repair.

Question 32

Does the government have any estimates of whether there will be potential for capital gain on the sale of houses in Nguiu? For example, have there been studies in comparable locations?

The government does not have estimates about the potential for capital gain. However, as the valuation methodology (Depreciated Cost Methodology) will be linked to current building costs, it is envisaged that the value of properties will rise in accordance with escalating building costs and this would be reflected in future valuations if the purchaser decided to sell the property.

It may be feasible to establish a "normalised" property market with associated capital gains if sublease conditions were comparable to a normal market and there were a strong take up of private home ownership.

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Question 33

Has the government made provision for the establishment of home loans systems so the Tiwi people can take out housing loans?

The Australian Government through HOIL is providing a specially designed loan and grant package that features for eligible borrowers low interest rates, co-payment assistance (of \$25,900 over 10 years), establishment grants (up to \$13,000), a Good Renters' Discount scheme (providing a 20% discount on the loan amount), a matched savings grant of up to \$1,000 and money management education. This overall package will allow Tiwi people to take out affordable home loans on community owned land.

The amount an applicant (whether a family or individual) will be able to borrow will depend on their current income levels and personal circumstances. The interest rate payable will also depend on the gross income at the time of the loan approval. The minimum gross annual income required to qualify for a home loan is \$15,000. A borrower in these circumstances would start with a 0 per cent interest rate, which would rise by 0.2 per cent a year, to a maximum of 6 per cent a year. Most home loans will have a 30 year repayment term.

Question 34

Will the government put in place a good renter's scheme so that Traditional Owners and others can buy a home and the payment on that home can be back dated inclusive of rental already paid?

FaCSIA has made provision for a 'Good Renters' Discount' under HOIL. Under this arrangement, tenants who can demonstrate a good rental history will be eligible for a 20 per cent discount off their total loan amount. The loan amount will be based on an independent property valuation of the dwelling to be purchased (this may also include an additional loan amount to cover necessary renovations) or the cost of a newly constructed house.

The Good Renters Discount is capped at \$50,000. Approval for the Good Renters Discount will require evidence that the applicant/tenant has had a good rental history for the past 12 months. If the tenant does not have a rental history, assessment can be based on their satisfactory participation in the money management programme.

The loan repayments will not take into account the amount of rent paid prior to the purchase of a home under the HOIL initiative.

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Question 35

Will there be limits on what the Tiwi people can borrow and how much that will have to be paid each fortnight?

The maximum HOIL loan amount is \$300,000, however this is tied to the applicant's annual gross income.

The loan system for the HOIL initiative has been set up specifically for low income earners therefore the amount that a Tiwi person will repay on their loan each fortnight will be based on a percentage of their income. For example, it is possible for someone on an income of \$15,000 to obtain a loan of \$102,362, with monthly repayments of \$188 (\$90 per fortnight) in the first year. Reflecting the 0.2 per cent annual increase in the interest rate charged, the loan repayment amount will increase each year by approximately 3%. However, this will remain affordable because the borrower's annual income is also likely to rise by at least this percentage

Question 36

How do Tiwi get the money to make up the difference between the loan and the price of the house? For example, is there a comprehensive plan to create employment for Tiwi people in order to repay loans?

The HOIL loan package has been established so that the loan amount covers the price of the house. The package encourages home ownership by providing various incentives which would be available to the Tiwi people. These include a co-payment assistance of \$25,900 over 10 years to eligible borrowers to make the loan more affordable and an establishment grant up to \$13,000 (which covers up-front loan-establishment costs).

The Australian Government through DEWR is looking to create employment opportunities for the Tiwi people and IBA is able to assist with business development.

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Question 37

If non-Traditional Owners buy a house and the 99 year head lease expires and is not renewed, what happens to the house?

Home owners at Nguiu will own a long term sub-lease of land and house for a set period no longer than the term of the head lease.

This is a key reason why the head lease term is set at 99 years and no shorter period is permitted.

Question 38

If Tiwi rent a house from the council will the rents be inflated in order to pay for the operational cost of the entity and to cover the rental payments to the Nguiu Traditional Owners?

We do not expect rents to rise significantly as a result of entry into a head lease.

Public and community housing rents are set by the housing organisation responsible. While the calculation of rent payments takes into account the costs to the housing body of providing the housing, it is predominantly calculated having regard to the financial circumstances of the tenant. In relation to housing managed by Territory housing, these amounts are set centrally. This means that although sub-lease payments will be a cost to the housing body (as is currently the case off Aboriginal land), the level of rent payable will be determined having regard to other factors.

Where the Australian Government provides housing directly to Aboriginal people, it is committed to substantially improving the quality of housing and takes the view that people should pay reasonable affordable rent for this better service. This is part of normalising land arrangement and housing on indigenous land.

The Northern Territory Government is currently considering reform indigenous housing. It is possible that any reforms that follow will involve increased rents but that eventuality is independent from the grant of a head lease.

The process of housing reform will continue whether or not a head lease is entered into.

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Question 39

Who will pay for the maintenance of the houses if they are council owned?

Maintenance of a rented property is apportioned between the landlord and the tenant in accordance with the tenancy agreement. For example tenants are ordinarily responsible for light — bulbs and tending the garden while landlords are ordinarily responsible for plumbing and supplied whitegoods. The exact division in any case would depend on the agreement between the housing organisation and the tenant.

Question 40

Who is responsible for maintenance of houses if the homes are mortgaged?

Maintenance of a privately owned property (such as in the case where a Nguiu residents buys a long term sub-lease and home) is the responsibility of the home owner.

Question 41

How much will mortgage insurance cost?

It is envisaged that there will be some mortgage insurance required for some borrowers. The cost of this will depend on the borrower's circumstances and will be built into affordable fortnightly repayment schedules.

Question 42

Will home owners have to pay rates and if yes how much per quarter/per year?

All home owners in the Northern Territory are subject to the local government arrangements put in place by the Northern Territory Government whether or not their home is subject to a section 19A lease.

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Grant of lease

- (1) Land Trust may grant a lease of a township to an approved entity it:
- (a) the Minister consents, in writing, to the grant of the lease; and
 - (b) the Land Council for the area in which the land is situated directs, in writing, the Land Trust to grant the lease.
- A consent or direction under this subsection is not a legislative instrument.

Land Council direction

- (2) Land Council must not give a direction under subsection (1) for the grant of a lease unless it is satisfied that:
- (a) the traditional Aboriginal owners (if any) of the land understand the nature and purpose of the proposed lease and, as a group, consent to it; and
 - (b) any Aboriginal community or group that may be affected by the proposed lease has been consulted and has had adequate opportunity to express its view to the Land Council; and
 - (c) the terms and conditions of the proposed lease (except those relating to matters covered by this section) are reasonable.
- (3) If a Land Council, in giving a direction for a grant of a lease, fails to comply with subsection (2), that failure does not invalidate that grant unless the approved entity to whom the grant was made procured the direction of the Land Council by fraud.

Term of lease

- (4) Subject to subsection (5), the term of a lease granted under this section is 99 years.
- (5) If, before the end of the 69th year of the term of a lease (the original lease) granted under this section, a Land Trust grants another lease under this section to the same approved entity covering the area of land concerned (whether or not the other lease also covers other land), the original lease ends at the time the other lease takes effect.
- (6) A lease granted under this section must not make provision for the lessee to make a payment to a person other than the lessor.

Transfer of lease

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- (8) A lease granted under this section must not be transferred, except to another approved entity with the written approval of the Minister. An approval is not a legislative instrument.

Lease not to be used as security

- (9) A lease granted under this section must not be used as security for a borrowing.

Preserving any existing right, title or other interest

- (10) Any right, title or other interest in land the subject of a lease granted under this section that existed immediately before the time the lease takes effect is preserved as a right, title or interest in that land after that time.
- (11) If that right, title or other interest was granted by the Land Trust, then, at the time the lease granted under this section takes effect, that right, title or other interest has effect as if it were granted by the approved entity on the same terms and conditions as existed immediately before that time.
- (12) It:
- (a) subsection (11) applies in relation to a right, title or other interest; and
 - (b) the lease is transferred in accordance with this section; and
 - (c) the right, title or other interest existed immediately before the time the transfer takes effect;
- then, at that time, the right, title or other interest has effect as if it were granted by the transferee on the same terms and conditions as existed immediately before that time.

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Subleases

- (13) This section does not prevent a sublease of a lease granted under this section.
- (14) A lease granted under this section must not contain any provision requiring the consent of any person to the grant of a sublease of the lease.
- (15) A lease granted under this section must not contain any provision relating to the payment of rent, or the non-payment of rent, in relation to a sublease of the lease.

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**Australian Government's
Final Offer**

Nguiu 99 year town lease

Payments to Mantiyupwi TOs

- **Up front advance payment of \$5 million**
- **Funds to be paid to a new Association of Mantiyupwi Land Owners (as per the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act)**
- **Decisions about the use of that money and future payments will be determined by the Mantiyupwi alone.**

Payments cont

- **Once the \$5 million is recouped by the Head Lease Authority in addition to Nguiu- related operational costs, or after a period of 15 years, whichever is the earlier, all rents from sub-leasing at Nguiu (less Nguiu-related operational costs) will be paid to the Mantiyupwi Land Owner's Association.**
- **Operational costs will not include the initial survey of the town boundary.**

Housing

- **The Australian Government will fund the building of 25 new houses.**
- **They will be built within a period of 12 – 24 months of the granting of the head lease.**
- **The houses will be administered by the NT Housing Authority**
- **The houses will be available for rent or purchase by Tiwi residents.**

Housing cont....

- **The Government's "Home Ownership on Indigenous Land" program will be available to support Tiwi residents build their own homes.**
- **The "Fixing Houses for Better Health" program will be rolled out at Nguiu. Existing houses will be examined and necessary repairs and maintenance will be funded.**

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- **This program requires the active involvement of residents in the repair and maintenance work done on their homes.**

Other Community Benefits

- **The Australian Government has committed \$13 million to build the Tiwi College**
- **\$500,000 will be available for upgrading the Bernard Tipiloura football oval at Nguiu.**
- **\$500,000 will be available for the upgrading of the Nguiu diabetes and dialysis facilities.**
- **\$500,000 will be made available for programs designed to mitigate youth suicide.**

Community benefits cont....

- **Up to \$250,000 will be available for the renovation and upkeep of the Nguiu cemetery.**
- **Up to \$100,000 will be made available to fund an independent Nguiu Community Profile Study (similar to Wadeye study done by Dr J Taylor from ANU). The study will provide base-line data and estimate the social and economic needs of the community into the future.**

Consultation

- **A Consultative Forum (CF) will be established.**
- **The members of the CF will be representatives of the Mantiyupwi Land Owners and the Head Lease Authority.**
- **The Mantiyupwi will have a majority.**
- **The Head Lease Authority will be required to consult with and have due regard to the views of the CF on all major matters dealing with land and its administration at Nguiu.**
- **The role and responsibilities of the CF will be written into the head lease.**

Nguiu – a Tiwi town.

- **The head lease will stipulate that non-Tiwi residents will be limited to 15% of the town population unless otherwise agreed by the Consultative Forum.**

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Other Restrictions

- **Sacred Sites within the town will be protected and certified by the NT Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.**
- **Structures within the town will be limited to 2 stories unless otherwise approved by the Consultative Forum.**
- **Drug and alcohol management plans in operation at Nguiu are to be complied with by all sub-lease holders and residents.**

Restrictions cont....

- **Foreshore areas are to be protected and not built on other than for public recreational purposes, unless otherwise agreed upon by the CF.**
- **Commonwealth and NT environmental laws will be binding on the Head Lease Authority and all sub-lease holders.**
- **All applicants will be subject to a police check and any person with a record of crimes against children or serious sexual assault will be precluded from holding a sub-lease.**

Restrictions cont.....

- **The CF will prepare guidelines to govern the manner in which ‘not-for-profit’ organisations are considered for sub-leases.**
- **Not-for-profit organisations will include church organisations.**

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Defining the Town

- **The boundary of the Nguiu town will be that shown on the current Nguiu SLAP map and will include the airport/airstrip and the airport access road.**
- **It will also include the wharf precinct.**

Head Lease Authority

- **We have asked for a Statutory Authority and for Tiwi representation.**
- **The Minister says that he has the PM's support to offer the following:**
 - Establish a Statutory Office Holder (a single person), who would be independent of the Government, to hold and manage the head lease.**
 - The employment of a suitably qualified person, nominated by the Tiwi, to advise and support the SOH in making decisions about Nguiu related matters. This person would be employed under the Public Service Act. The position to be reviewed in 2 years.**

Head Lease Authority cont.....

- **The Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act will be amended to establish the Statutory Office.**
- **The SOH will also be required, under the head lease, to have due regard to the views and recommendations of the Consultative Forum**

The Head Lease

- **The Government lawyers and our own lawyers are working together to draft a head lease document.**
- **This document is the contract between the Tiwi Land Trust and the Head Lease Authority.**
- **The lease document will set out in detail all the matters that the Head Lease Authority will have to do.**
- **It will also set out all the protections and restrictions that we have agreed to in our negotiations.**

Voluntary Agreement

- **Remember, you cannot be forced into a 99 year lease agreement.**
- **You should only agree if you are comfortable with the Government's offer**

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and the way in which a 99 year lease would work at Nguuu.

- **If you want more information or more time don't be afraid to ask for it.**

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What's the deal?

What has been agreed between the Mantiyupwi people and the Australian Government?

The traditional owners of Nguiu, the Mantiyupwi people, and the Australian Government have reached an in-principle agreement for a 99-year lease over the township of Nguiu in the Tiwi Islands.

What do Tiwi people get from this agreement?

• RENT FOR TRADITIONAL OWNERS

- \$5 million dollars—up front.
- This payment is to cover years 1 to 15 of the lease and does NOT need to be paid back—no matter what.
- If the lease makes more than \$5 million (less operating costs) in the first 15 years, the traditional owners get the extra.
- From year 16, the traditional owners will get all the income from subleases, less operating costs.

• BENEFITS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

The traditional owners insisted that the lease also bring benefits for the whole community:

- 25 new houses at Nguiu to be built within two years
- repairs and maintenance on all houses at Nguiu
- \$1 million extra for health initiatives
- improvements to the cemetery
- a community profile study to find out what Nguiu needs next.

The Australian Government's existing commitments to fund the Tiwi College and the upgraded Stanley Tipiloura Oval are proceeding.

As well as rent and community benefits, all Tiwi people stand to gain from more economic development and prosperity at Nguiu and the jobs that this will bring.

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What happens once the lease is signed?

The Executive Director of Township Leasing will hold the lease over the whole town and give subleases for all the different activities that go on. The subleases will be given to:

- government for offices and other services
- housing organisations to continue to provide public housing
- individuals and families who want to buy or build their own homes
- businesses
- community organisations.

People who want to stay renting from a housing organisation—can. Renters will not need a sublease.

Has the lease started?

- **This agreement is in principle only. A formal lease cannot be signed UNLESS and UNTIL:**
 - The Tiwi Land Council gives a direction that the lease be signed.
 - The Tiwi Land Council can only give that direction if it is satisfied that:
 - the traditional owners of Nguiu understand the nature and purpose of the proposed lease and, as a group, consent to it
 - any Aboriginal community or group that may be affected by the proposed lease has been consulted and has had adequate opportunity to express its view, AND
 - the terms and conditions of the proposed lease are reasonable.

What's in the small print?

- **Lawyers for the Australian Government and the Mantiyupwi have agreed that:**
 - The Executive Director of Township Leasing MUST listen to the views of the Nguiu Consultative Forum and will have a full-time Tiwi nominated person to help do this.
 - The Nguiu Consultative Forum will have a number of roles including reviewing operation of the lease and providing guidelines on the issue of subleases to not-for-profit organisations.
 - There will be a cap of 15 per cent on non-Tiwi population at Nguiu.
 - Buildings will be limited (unless approved by the Nguiu Consultative Forum) to two storeys to keep the bush nature of the township.
 - People who have subleases must comply with relevant drug and alcohol management plans.
 - All sacred sites will be protected.

For more information on township leasing, go to www.oipc.gov.au

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Question No: 102

Topic: Telephone Allowance

Hansard Page: CA7 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

To what extent do you expect the telephone allowance for seniors to decrease in 07/08?

Answer:

FaCSIA estimates that the combined effect of the *Better Super* and the pension assets test taper rate measures will reduce expenditure on Telephone Allowance for Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders by 20 per cent, compared to the previous 2007-08 estimate.

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Question No: 104

Topic: Great Southern Rail

Hansard Page: CA12 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Do you run a cash-at-bank balance i.e. track expenditure?

Answer:

Expenditure is monitored and any variation between budgeted and actual expenditure is reported in the annual report.

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Question No: 106

Topic: Pension Bonus Scheme

Hansard Page: CA15 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Can you tell me if people actually use the full five years? Is that generally what happens?
What is the average length of time that the pension is deferred?

Answer:

It is estimated that about 35 per cent of people registered in the scheme are registered for at least five years, and that average duration in the scheme is 3.26 years.

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Question No: 107

Topic: Fraud and Compliance – Age Pension – Real Estate Assets

Hansard Page: CA9 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

Can you give a breakdown of the education campaign costs for this measure? How much is direct mail? How much is development of product?

Answer:

The detailed communication strategy, including breakdown of costs, has not yet been developed.

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Question No: 110

Topic: Minister's letters about Budget changes

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Evans asked:

In relation to the Minister's two-page letter to families about changes to child care benefit and the child care tax rebate that were announced in the budget. Were similar letters from the Minister sent to senior Australians entitled to the \$500 per-person bonus announced in the budget? If yes, please indicate:

- How many of these letters were sent?
- How many pages long was this letter? If it was also two-pages, was it printed double-sided on one page or were two separate pages sent?
- How much was spent on postage in sending the letters to senior Australians?
- Were glossy pages also enclosed with this letter, as was the case for the letter that was sent to families about changes to child care?
- If glossy pages were sent, how many such pages were included, and how much did it cost to print this material?

Answer:

In total, 2,313,993 one page letters were sent to senior Australians entitled to the \$500 one-off bonus payment.

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Question No: 112

Topic: Retirees losing life savings on failed investments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

In light of the long list of retirees losing their life savings from failed investments such as Westpoint and Fincorp, just to name a few, has Centrelink kept records of the number of people who have contacted their office each year seeking income support after losing all or part of their life savings from bad investments?

Answer:

Approximately 3,000 income support recipients have received an exemption for financial investments in the Westpoint group of companies, the Fincorp group of companies and Australian Capital Reserve Limited from the income test deeming rules as a result of Ministerial determinations under section 1084 of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

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Question No: 113

Topic: Retirees losing life savings on failed investments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

On many occasions the Centrelink deeming rule on their lost assets will remove their eligibility for income support. Has Centrelink collected data on the number of people that have been refused income support after losing their savings through failed investments, and if so please provide this data?

Answer:

This data is not collected. Exemptions from the income test deeming rules have been applied to financial investments in the Westpoint group of companies, the Fincorp group of companies and Australian Capital Reserve Limited as a result of Ministerial determinations under section 1084 of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

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Topic: Retirees losing life savings on failed investments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has the Minister provided special assistance to these victims in relation to the deeming rule, if so how was this special assistance provided? Also if the Minister has provided special assistance does each individual need apply to the Minister or has the Minister issued a directive in relation to failed investments such as Westpoint and Fincorp?

Answer:

The Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and the Minister for Education, Science and Training have powers under section 1084 of the *Social Security Act 1991* (the Act) to provide exemptions for financial investments in failed companies from the income test deeming rules for income support recipients. These powers have been exercised for the Westpoint group of companies, the Fincorp group of companies and Australian Capital Reserve Limited.

This power is exercised on an investment basis and means any income support recipient holding the financial investment is exempt from the deeming rules and the actual income (if any) earned by the investment is assessed.

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Question No: 115

Topic: Retirees losing life savings on failed investments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has the government accounted in the Budget or by any other way for the extra cost to government income support to the thousands of investor victims who need Centrelink support?

Answer:

As the deeming exemption that provides for a different assessment under the means test is exercised under an existing provision of the Act (s1084) a separate measure setting out costs to the Budget is not necessary.

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Question No: 116

Topic: Retirees losing life savings on failed investments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has Centrelink had discussions with the Minister or ASIC to quantify the losses occurred for deeming purposes, if not why not? If so, what resulted from these discussions?

Answer:

Centrelink has not had discussions with the Minister or ASIC. There was no need to quantify costs associated with the deeming exemption as it is provided for under an existing provision of the *Social Security Act 1991* (s1084).

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Question No: 117

Topic: Retirees losing life savings on failed investments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has the Minister for Human Services been fully briefed on this matter and if so by whom?
Will the Minister be helping these victims in anyway?

Answer:

The Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and the Minister for Education, Science and Training are the responsible Ministers. They have powers under section 1084 of the *Social Security Act 1991* (the Act) to provide exemptions for financial investments in failed companies from the income test deeming rules for income support recipients.

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Question No: 120

Topic: Assets Test

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

After 1 July 2007 when the new asset test taper rate comes into effect the eligibility criteria for a part age pension changes, under these changes what is the predicted number of people that will receive a part Age Pension and what will be the cost to government of this? What will the increase in costs be?

Answer:

The pension assets test taper will be reduced with effect from 20 September 2007. It is estimated that 321,000 people will be eligible to benefit from 20 September 2007, either by being granted a pension or by receiving an increased pension. The total additional cost to FaCSIA programs of the *Better Super* changes was published in the FaCSIA Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements for 2006-07.

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Question No: 121

Topic: Age Pension

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

As more people will gain a part age pension will it result in more people gaining access to a Pensioner Concession card?

Answer:

Pensioner Concession Cards are automatically issued to all people receiving a pension. Therefore, more people will gain access to a Pensioner Concession Card as a result of the *Better Super* changes.

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Question No: 122

Topic: Age Pension

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has the government or its agencies carried out costings in relation to these changes in eligibility for the Pensioner Concession Card? If so what is the extra cost of these changes?

Answer:

The total additional cost to FaCSIA programs of the *Better Super* changes was published in the FaCSIA Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements for 2006-07. The costs to FaCSIA include the cost of additional Pensioner Concession Cards and increased funding for the Specific Purpose Payment Compensation for Extension of Fringe Benefits.

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Question No: 123

Topic: Pension Concession Card

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has the Federal Government or its departments had discussions with State Governments in relation to the changes to eligibility for a Pensioner Concession Card and the changes in cost of these programs? If so what discussions have taken place and has all states and territories been involved with these discussions?

Answer:

In July each year FaCSIA writes to all state and territory governments outlining their funding allocations under the Specific Purpose Payment *Compensation for Extension of Fringe Benefits* for the following financial year. The extra funding allocated to the program as a result of the *Better Super* changes will be provided to the state and territory governments under the usual arrangements for this Specific Purpose Payment.

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Question No: 124

Topic: Pension Concession Card

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Has the Federal Government given the states any funds to help with the extra costs to these services?

Answer:

Extra funding allocated for the *Compensation for Extension of Fringe Benefits* Specific Purpose Payment will be provided to the state and territory governments under the usual arrangements for this agreement.

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Question No: 103

Topic: Great Southern Rail

Hansard Page: CA11 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Can you give the underspend for this current year and the last few years?

Answer:

FINANCIAL YEAR	BUDGET (\$m)	ACTUAL (\$m)
2006-07	7.506	5.212
2005-06	7.138	5.370
2004-05	7.135	4.909

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Question No: 105

Topic: Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Hansard Page: CA14 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Can you provide me with the figures for the people who were eligible for the seniors concession allowance for 2004-05 and 2005-06? When providing the figures can you also provide the budget?

Answer:

303,000 in 2004-05, for which the actual expenditure was recorded as \$57.9 million.

298,677 in 2005-06, for which the actual expenditure was recorded as \$93.4 million. That figure included the one-off payment made to CSHC holders, of \$31.3 million.

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Question No: 108

Topic: Pension Assessment

Hansard Page: CA10 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Of the 10,000 people this year who might expect a variation, how many would actually have their pensions reduced?

Answer:

In 2006-07, 1,756 customers were expected to have their pension reduced.

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Question No: 109

Topic: Pension Assessment

Hansard Page: CA10 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

How many pensioners does the department expect will lose their pensions completely as a result of the real estate assets measure?

Answer:

Approximately 2,100 customers are expected to lose their pension between 2006-07 and 2009-10. This is the combined total from both the 2006-07 and 2007-08 Real Estate measures.

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Question No: 111

Topic: Age Pension

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Evans asked:

Given that the information has not been provided through Estimates since February 2006, for each of the last three completed financial years (2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06) please indicate:

- the number of customers who received the Age Pension;
- the number of customers who were (a) overpaid and (b) underpaid the Age Pension;
- the total value of Age Pension (a) overpayments and (b) underpayments;
- the average value of Age Pension (a) overpayments and (b) underpayments;
- the total amount of overpayments that have been repaid;
- the number of customers with an outstanding overpayment;
- the total value of outstanding overpayments; and
- the average value of outstanding overpayments.

Answer:

Financial Year	Number of Customers who Received the Age Pension
2003-04	1,876,250
2004-05	1,915,036
2005-06	1,922,129

Financial Year	Number of Customers Overpaid Age Pension
2003-04	81,277
2004-05	136,461
2005-06	143,779

Social security law generally provides that an increase in an age pensioner's rate of payment as a result of the pensioner's advice of a change in circumstances takes effect from the date of the advice, not from the date the change occurred. This outcome is not regarded as involving an underpayment. Centrelink advises that it does not maintain information on Age Pension underpayments that arise in other situations. Centrelink advises that it would take a significant resource commitment to provide this information.

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Financial Year	Total Value of Age Pension Overpayments Raised (\$)
2003-04	76,442,511.46
2004-05	77,472,167.75
2005-06	91,726,826.79

Financial Year	Average Value of Age Pension Overpayment Raised (\$)
2003-04	419.11
2004-05	311.53
2005-06	389.65

Financial Year	Total Amount of Overpayments Repaid (\$)
2003-04	53,509,310.88
2004-05	49,740,528.87
2005-06	56,754,994.01

Financial Year	Number of Customers with Outstanding Age Pension Overpayment
2003-04	26,557
2004-05	25,597
2005-06	28,950

Financial Year	Total Value of Outstanding Age Pension Overpayments (\$)
2003-04	73,740,949.23
2004-05	76,356,664.65
2005-06	85,041,327.41

Financial Year	Average Value of Outstanding Age Pension Overpayment (\$)
2003-04	2,546.74
2004-05	2,702.13
2005-06	2,637.02

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Question No: 118

Topic: Age Pension

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Currently what is the number of people that are receiving a full Age Pension and what is the cost to government of this?

Answer:

As at June 2006 1,184,507 people were receiving a full Age Pension. Total (full and part rate) Age Pension spending for the 2005-06 year was \$20.588 billion.

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Question No: 119

Topic: Age Pension

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sherry asked:

Currently what is the number of people that are receiving a part Age Pension and what is the cost to government of this?

Answer:

At June 2006 737,622 people received a part Age Pension. Total (full and part rate) Age Pension spending for the 2005-06 financial year was \$20.588 billion.

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Question No: 313

Topic: Commonwealth/State concessions

Hansard Page: CA 13 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Reciprocal Concessions - could you provide me with the detail of the original offer and the adjusted offer?

Answer:

	March 2002 offers	February 2004 offers
Total	\$5,177,000	\$5,600,000

The 2004 offers were adjusted for indexation; the offers were also made to allow states and territories considerable flexibility in how reciprocal concessions were implemented within the scope of the funding.

The funding offers were withdrawn in Budget 2005 when it became apparent that some states would not have accepted them, and a multilateral agreement would not be possible.

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Question No: 314

Topic: Commonwealth/State concessions

Hansard Page: CA13 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Could you provide me with the details of the two rounds of offers that were negotiated with a breakdown by State; who would have been eligible for concessions and numbers?

Answer:

Reciprocal Transport: Funding offers by State.

	March 2002 offers	February 2004 offers
NSW	\$3,572,000	\$3,863,000
Vic	\$712,000	\$770,000
Qld	\$303,000	\$328,000
WA	\$352,000	\$381,000
SA	\$103,000	\$111,000
Tas	\$45,000	\$49,000
ACT	\$45,000	\$49,000
NT	\$45,000	\$49,000
Total	\$5,177,000	\$5,600,000

This measure was designed to allow State Seniors Card holders to travel on public transport at concessional rates outside their home state. In 2001 it was estimated that the measure would assist around 700 000 state seniors card holders to obtain reciprocal transport concessions.

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Concessions for Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) holders: Funding offers by State

	March 2002 offer	March 2004 offers
NSW	\$29,400,000	\$35,420,000
Vic	\$14,200,000	\$15,377,000
Qld	\$7,300,000	\$9,717,000
WA	\$6,400,000	\$6,428,000
SA	\$3,600,000	\$4,574,000
Tas	\$1,070,000	\$1,390,000
ACT	\$2,100,000	\$2,272,000
NT	\$270,000	\$297,000
Total	\$65,300,000	\$75,475,000

If these negotiations had been successful this measure would have allowed CSHC holders to receive the same core concessions as pensioners (council rates, water & sewerage, energy, motor vehicle registration). There are currently over 318,000 CSHC holders.

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Question No: 315

Topic: Special Disability Trusts

Hansard Page: CA88 29/5

Senator Boyce asked:

Are the majority of the trusts that you currently have before you trusts of different natures that people are seeking to turn into Special Disability Trusts or are they brand new?

Answer:

The majority of the 12 Special Disability Trusts currently established are new trusts. Only two have been converted from an earlier form of trust.

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Question No: 316

Topic: Special Disability Trusts

Hansard Page: CA87 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Can you provide me with a cost to the Commonwealth to date for the Special Disability Trusts? How many Trusts were estimated to be established in 2006-07?

Answer:

FaHCSIA has reviewed the data for the Special Disability Trusts that have been established and does not believe that a precise cost can be given at this point with the information available.

The 2005-06 Budget measure was costed on an estimated 1,429 Special Disability Trusts being established in 2006-07.

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Question No: 125

Topic: CSTDA

Hansard Page: CA33 29/5

Senator Siewert asked:

Is it possible to have a copy of the letter the Minister sent in September 2006 to State and Territory Ministers conveying to his colleagues four priority areas for negotiation?

Answer:

A copy of the letter the Minister sent on the 13th September 2006 to State and Territory Ministers is attached.

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The Hon Warren Pitt MP
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Dear Minister

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- addressing unmet need for CSTDA services
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I am interested in your views on the best operational and funding model to achieve these objectives and any other views you may have on priorities for a further agreement.

You will recall that we agreed at our meeting in July that our officials should continue to work on the options for a fourth CSTDA paper, which is being conducted under the CSTDA research and development programme. I suggest that our officials include discussion on these issues in this project.

It would also be timely for us to meet early in 2007 to commence formal discussions on a future CSTDA. Therefore, I am proposing that we ask the secretariat to the Community and Disability Services Ministerial Council to commence preparation for a meeting to be held as soon as practicable in 2007.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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Question No: 126

Topic: Auslan Booking Service Underspend

Hansard Page: CA40 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

When was the \$230,000 moved to the DEA appropriation? Is there a shortfall in moneys in the employment strategy?

Answer:

\$230,000 was transferred from the Auslan Booking Service commitment to the DEA appropriation effective 22 May 2007. The Auslan programme funds were underspent.

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Question No: 127

Topic: Young People in Nursing Homes

Hansard Page: CA44 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Can FaCSIA provide a table which indicates the Commonwealth contribution by year and by state and which also disaggregates each of the C/W contributions into the DOHA contribution and the FaCSIA contribution?

Answer:

The Commonwealth contribution, by year and by state and territory, under this program is as follows:

State/ Territory	Annual Funding Split 2006-2011 (as per bilateral agreements)					Total C'lth funds over 5 years
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-2010	2010-2011	
NSW	\$1,332,422	\$4,663,477	\$9,326,954	\$12,658,009	\$12,658,009	\$40,638,871
VIC	\$987,746	\$3,457,111	\$6,914,222	\$9,383,586	\$9,383,586	\$30,126,251
QLD	\$782,503	\$2,738,759	\$5,477,518	\$7,433,774	\$7,433,774	\$23,866,328
SA	\$301,714	\$1,055,998	\$2,111,995	\$2,866,279	\$2,866,279	\$9,202,265
WA	\$397,012	\$1,389,543	\$2,779,085	\$3,771,615	\$3,771,615	\$12,108,870
TAS	\$95,103	\$281,250	\$1,031,250	\$589,565	\$903,481	\$2,900,649
NT	\$39,838	\$139,443	\$278,865	\$378,460	\$378,460	\$1,215,066
ACT	\$63,663	\$222,819	\$445,638	\$604,794	\$604,794	\$1,941,706

All Commonwealth transfers to state and territory governments under this program are administered by FaCSIA. No program amounts are administered by the Department of Health and Ageing.

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Question No: 128

Topic: National Disability Administrators

Hansard Page: CA44 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Is the research report by the previous National Disability Administrators called 'Younger people with high clinical needs' completed?

Answer:

It is expected that the report will be presented for Ministers' endorsement at the July meeting of the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference.

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Question No: 129

Topic: Disability Employment Network

Hansard Page: CA50 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Do we have any way of identifying the number of individuals who move from business services to the Disability Employment Network?

Answer:

Current end of financial year data indicates that in the first 10 months of the 2006-2007 financial year, 95 people with disability have exited a FaHCSIA funded Business Service to the open labour market, or moved on to assistance through Disability Employment Network providers.

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Question No: 130

Topic: Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: CA68 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

What is the definition of 'remote' for this purpose?

Answer:

The Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMs) refers to service delivery sites being in either metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas. For PHaMs purposes all rural, regional and remote areas are defined as non-metropolitan. Increased funding is provided to these sites in recognition of the greater costs of service delivery in rural, regional and remote areas.

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Question No: 131

Topic: Launch in Darwin

Hansard Page: CA73 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

Was Senator Crossin invited for that launch (personal helpers and mentors)?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is not aware whether Senator Crossin was invited to the launch of the Mental Health Respite Program in Darwin.

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Question No: 132

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Govt measure is to engage 900 personal helpers and mentors to assist those with a mental illness:

- to date, how many new personal helpers and mentors have been engaged under this Programme?

Answer:

Service providers were funded in 28 demonstration sites from May 2007, and a further 48 sites in November 2007. Service providers were funded on the basis of one team of five full time equivalent (FTE) workers which equates to 400 FTE workers across all the sites.

Up to 80 additional sites are expected to be funded in the third funding round, with services commencing late 2008.

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Question No: 133

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of where these new helpers and mentors will be engaged (e.g, city/country/remote)?

Answer:

The 76 currently funded sites cover all states and territories. Of these sites 41 are in metropolitan areas and 35 are in non-metropolitan areas.

Please refer to Attachment A.

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Round One service providers – funded from May 2007

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11.	Mission Australia	NT	Darwin – Palmerston	Metro	\$1,203,000
12.	Australian Red Cross	NT	Katherine	Non metro	\$1,328,500
13.	Australian Red Cross	NT	Top End	Non metro	\$1,328,500
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16.	Youth and Family Services	QLD	Logan	Metro	\$1,203,000
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18.	Ozcare	QLD	Townsville	Non metro	\$1,328,500
19.	Anglicare	SA	Elizabeth	Metro	\$1,203,000
20.	Mission Australia	SA	North and Far West Country	Non metro	\$1,328,500
21.	Mission Australia	TAS	Launceston	Non metro	\$1,328,500
22.	The Salvation Army Kardinia	VIC	Barwon	Non metro	\$1,328,500
23.	Eastern Access Community Health	VIC	Eastern – Outer East	Metro	\$1,203,000
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2.	Aftercare	NSW	Blacktown	Metro	1,204,600
3.	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	NSW	Croydon/ Bankstown	Metro	1,204,600
4.	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc.	NSW	Dubbo	Non-Metro	1,334,300
5.	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	NSW	Hornsby/ Ku-ring-gai	Metro	1,204,600
6.	The Benevolent Society	NSW	Liverpool	Metro	1,204,600
7.	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	NSW	Lower North Shore	Metro	1,204,600
8.	Centacare New England North West (NENW)	NSW	Moree	Non-Metro	1,334,300
9.	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	NSW	Northern Beaches	Metro	1,204,600
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13.	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc.	NSW	Wagga Wagga	Non-Metro	1,334,300
14.	Lambing Flat Enterprises	NSW	West Wyalong	Non-Metro	1,334,300
15.	The Benevolent Society	NSW	Wingecarribee/Macarthur	Metro	1,204,600
16.	Top End Association for Mental Health Inc.	NT	Top End Remote and Rural communities including Darwin Rural, East Arnhem and Tiwi	Non Metro	\$1,638,230
17.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	Bayside	Metro	\$1,207,100

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18.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	Caboolture	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
19.	Community Solutions Inc.	QLD	Fraser Coast	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
20.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	Ipswich	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
21.	Ozcare	QLD	Mackay	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
22.	Australian Red Cross	QLD	Rockhampton	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
23.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	South Brisbane	Metro	\$1,207,100

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24.	Australia Red Cross	SA	Mid-North Country Region	Non-Metro	\$1,468,830
25.	Mental Illness Fellowship of SA Inc.	SA	Noarlunga	Metro	\$1,331,660
26.	Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide Inc.	SA	Southern Metropolitan Marion sub area	Metro	\$1,331,660
27.	Mental Illness Fellowship of SA Inc.	SA	Western Metropolitan Area – Port Adelaide sub area	Metro	\$1,331,660
28.	Anglicare Tasmania Inc.	TAS	Sorell and Districts (South East Tasmania)	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
29.	Karingal Inc.	VIC	Barwon A (Greater Geelong)	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
30.	Mind Australia	VIC	Barwon South West – Glenelg	Non metro	\$1,334,300
31.	Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	VIC	Eastern – Central East – Monash	Metro	\$1,207,100
32.	Inner East Mental Health Services Association Inc.	VIC	Eastern – Central East – Manningham	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
33.	Mind Australia	VIC	Eastern – Central East – Whitehorse	Metro	\$1,207,100
34.	Job Co. Employment Services Inc.	VIC	Eastern – Inner Urban East 1 – Boroondara	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
35.	Mind Australia	VIC	Gippsland – 2 Korumburra, Lakes Entrance	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
36.	Mind Australia	VIC	Gippsland – Traralgon Morwell	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
37.	Inner South Community Health Service Inc.	VIC	Inner South A	Metro	\$1,207,100
38.	Job Co. Employment Services Inc.	VIC	Inner West A (Melbourne)	Metro	\$1,207,100
39.	Eastern Access Community Health Inc.	VIC	Outer East A (Knox)	Metro	\$1,207,100
40.	Eastern Access Community Health Inc.	VIC	Outer East B (Maroondah)	Metro	\$1,207,100
41.	Eastern Access Community Health Inc.	VIC	Outer East C (Mooroolbark to Healsville)	Metro	\$1,207,100

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42.	Mind Australia	VIC	Southern A – Cardinia	Metro	\$1,207,100
43.	Southern B – Casey	VIC	WISE Employment Ltd.	Metro	\$1,207,100
44.	Southern C – Greater Dandenong	VIC	Mind Australia	Metro	\$1,207,100
45.	Southern D (Middle Southern)	VIC	Job Co. Employment Services Inc.	Metro	\$1,207,100
46.	Bentley Health Service Region	WA	The Richmond Fellowship of WA	Metro	\$1,218,600
47.	Midland/ Guildford	WA	The Richmond Fellowship of WA	Metro	\$1,218,600
48.	Wheatbelt Region	WA	Perth Home Care Services Inc.	Non- Metro	\$1,344,300

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Question No: 134

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

What accountability system is in place to ensure these new helpers are involved across the range of mental health conditions, and not just concentrated in a few health areas?

Answer:

Service providers are required to target all eligible people whose functioning is severely limited because of a severe mental illness, not just specific illnesses or specific special needs groups. FaHCSIA will monitor this through regular reporting requirements.

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Question No: 135

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

What process is in place in terms of evaluating qualifications of mentors and helpers? Will all mentors and helpers undergo police checks before they are engaged?

Answer:

The employment of appropriately skilled staff is the responsibility of each of the service providers. While team structures will be determined by service providers according to the needs of program participants and the availability of staff, the draft PHAMs program guidelines require that service providers recruit Personal Helpers and Mentors with appropriate personal attributes and from a range of backgrounds, qualifications, skills and knowledge in working with people with mental illness.

Police checks of all staff, including volunteers and peer support workers, is mandatory. The department funding agreement also has specific requirements in relation to the protection of vulnerable persons to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

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Question No: 136

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

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Senator Moore asked:

Can the department provide a breakdown of which NGOs have been funded to date - and the funding allocation?

Answer:

Refer to Attachment A.

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16.	Top End Association for Mental Health Inc.	NT	Top End Remote and Rural communities including Darwin Rural, East Arnhem and Tiwi	Non Metro	\$1,638,230
17.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	Bayside	Metro	\$1,207,100
18.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	Caboolture	Non	\$1,335,300

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				Metro	
19.	Community Solutions Inc.	QLD	Fraser Coast	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
20.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	Ipswich	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
21.	Ozcare	QLD	Mackay	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
22.	Australian Red Cross	QLD	Rockhampton	Non Metro	\$1,335,300
23.	Open Minds Australia	QLD	South Brisbane	Metro	\$1,207,100
24.	Australia Red Cross	SA	Mid-North Country Region	Non-Metro	\$1,468,830
25.	Mental Illness Fellowship of SA Inc.	SA	Noarlunga	Metro	\$1,331,660
26.	Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide Inc.	SA	Southern Metropolitan Marion sub area	Metro	\$1,331,660
27.	Mental Illness Fellowship of SA Inc.	SA	Western Metropolitan Area – Port Adelaide sub area	Metro	\$1,331,660
28.	Anglicare Tasmania Inc.	TAS	Sorell and Districts (South East Tasmania)	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
29.	Karingal Inc.	VIC	Barwon A (Greater Geelong)	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
30.	Mind Australia	VIC	Barwon South West – Glenelg	Non metro	\$1,334,300
31.	Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	VIC	Eastern – Central East – Monash	Metro	\$1,207,100
32.	Inner East Mental Health Services Association Inc.	VIC	Eastern – Central East – Manningham	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
33.	Mind Australia	VIC	Eastern – Central East – Whitehorse	Metro	\$1,207,100
34.	Job Co. Employment Services Inc.	VIC	Eastern – Inner Urban East 1 – Boroondara	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
35.	Mind Australia	VIC	Gippsland – 2 Korumburra, Lakes Entrance	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
36.	Mind Australia	VIC	Gippsland – Traralgon Morwell	Non Metro	\$1,334,300
37.	Inner South Community Health	VIC	Inner South A	Metro	\$1,207,100

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	Service Inc.				
38.	Job Co. Employment Services Inc.	VIC	Inner West A (Melbourne)	Metro	\$1,207,100
39.	Eastern Access Community Health Inc.	VIC	Outer East A (Knox)	Metro	\$1,207,100
40.	Eastern Access Community Health Inc.	VIC	Outer East B (Maroondah)	Metro	\$1,207,100
41.	Eastern Access Community Health Inc.	VIC	Outer East C (Mooroolbark to Healsville)	Metro	\$1,207,100
42.	Mind Australia	VIC	Southern A – Cardinia	Metro	\$1,207,100
43.	Southern B – Casey	VIC	WISE Employment Ltd.	Metro	\$1,207,100
44.	Southern C – Greater Dandenong	VIC	Mind Australia	Metro	\$1,207,100
45.	Southern D (Middle Southern)	VIC	Job Co. Employment Services Inc.	Metro	\$1,207,100
46.	Bentley Health Service Region	WA	The Richmond Fellowship of WA	Metro	\$1,218,600
47.	Midland/ Guildford	WA	The Richmond Fellowship of WA	Metro	\$1,218,600
48.	Wheatbelt Region	WA	Perth Home Care Services Inc.	Non-Metro	\$1,344,300

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Question No: 140

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Does the Government intend spending the entire \$37.6 million during the 2007-08 financial year?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question No: 141

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

The Government is providing \$224 million over 5 years for new respite care places to help families and carers of people with mental illness or intellectual disability. This Programme aims at providing 650 new respite care places – how many have been provided to date?

Answer:

National consultations held in September 2006 highlighted strong consensus that developing bed-based and day options alone would not meet the needs of carers and their families. In response to this the program has been designed, with Ministerial approval, to deliver a variety of flexible respite options which can be tailored to the individual needs of carers and care recipients. In order to facilitate this flexibility, the program will measure outputs as "hours" of respite delivered, instead of "places".

The Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres report on the number of hours or respite care provided in Quarterly Activity Reports which are due 30 September, 31 January, 30 April and 31 July each year.

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Question No: 142

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Where are these new places located? Can the department provide a breakdown by state/territory and by regional or electorate area?

Answer:

Mental Health Respite Program (MHRP) funded respite services are being brokered across 54 Home And Community Care (HACC) regions through Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres.

The first round of new respite services for MHRP carers have been funded through the National Respite Development Fund in 43 HACC regions. Options for developing new services in 10 other regions are being investigated.

These regions include:

- Kimberley WA,
- Pilbara WA,
- Midwest WA,
- Great Southern WA,
- Loddon Mallee Vic,
- Northern Sydney NSW,
- Southern Highlands NSW,
- Cumberland/Prospect NSW,
- Central Qld, and
- Peninsula Qld.

See Attachment A for a list of HACC regions. Electoral breakdowns are not available.

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Attachment A - Home and Community Care (HACC) Regions by State and Territory

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
ACT	North West Country
NEW SOUTH WALES	North West Metro
Central Coast	South East Country
Central West	South East Metro
Cumberland/Prospect	TASMANIA
Far North Coast	Southern
Hunter	Northern (Tas)
Illawarra	North Western
Inner West	VICTORIA
Mid North Coast	Barwon / South West
New England	Eastern Metro
Nepean	Gippsland
Northern Sydney	Grampians
Orana /Far West - Orana Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre	Hume
Orana /Far West - Far West Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre	Loddon / Mallee
Riverina / Murray	North West North West Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre
South West Sydney	North West Northern Metro Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre
South East Sydney	Southern Metro
Southern Highlands	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
NORTHERN TERRITORY	East Metropolitan
Central Australia	Goldfields
Top End Northern Region Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre	Great Southern
Top End East Arnhem Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre	Kimberly
QUEENSLAND	Midwest
Central	North Metropolitan
Darling Downs / South West	Pilbara
North Brisbane	South East Metropolitan
Northern (Qld)	South West
Peninsula	South West Metropolitan
South Brisbane	Wheatbelt
West Moreton / South Coast	

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Question No: 143

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

How many places have been allocated to people with a mental illness and how many to those with an intellectual disability?

Answer:

Access to the Mental Health Respite Program for both target groups is based on assessment of relative carer need. Funding allocations between the target groups have not been set, however, early indications are that both groups are accessing the program on a roughly equal basis.

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Question No: 144

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

According to the COAG announcement, up to 15,000 families a year will be provided with overnight or respite day services. How many families accessed these new services in the 2006-07 financial year?

Answer:

The program now measures hours of respite provided, not places. Hours are provided to carers and therefore data is collected on the number of ‘carers assisted’ not families.

Period	Hours of respite	No. of Carers assisted
1 April to 30 June 2007	56,718	1,100
1 July to 30 September 2007	85,622	1,967

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Question No: 145

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

How many places will be provided by the government in the 2007-08 financial year; and how many by non-government organisations?

Answer:

The Mental Health Respite Program (MHRP) is measuring hours of respite, not as residential places. Hours will be provided by organisations funded under the MHRP, including non-government and local government organisations.

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Question No: 146

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

This Programme is supposed to run on a priority access system – how is the department monitoring this process to ensure its functionality? What accountability measures are in place?

Answer:

All carers accessing the Mental Health Respite Program must undergo a Carer Needs Assessment to ensure carers in greatest need have priority. Priority access is being monitored through data provided by Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres in their Quarterly Activity Reports.

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Question No: 147

Topic: COAG Measure – Respite Care Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

What research has been undertaken by the department in terms of on-going need for respite care places – in other words, what shortage is envisaged in care places this year?

Answer:

The COAG Mental Health Working Groups have undertaken mapping exercises of existing mental health and intellectual disability respite services. However, this work is still in progress and shortage of respite services can not yet be objectively quantified.

As part of their 2007-08 Annual Plans, the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres were required to provide information about existing respite services and identify gaps in services in their region. Much of the information provided was anecdotal and further work is being done on quantifying the information.

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Question No: 296

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

This Programme is aimed at prevention and early intervention in Indigenous communities and those from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds – how many case workers are out there on the ground working on this initiative?

Answer:

The Mental Health Community Based Program currently funds 46 projects. Thirty six projects have an Indigenous and/or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse focus.

Funded services under the Mental Health Community Based Program are currently in the early stages of implementation. At this point, data on how many case workers are employed by funded organisations is not available.

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Question No: 297

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

Is the Department outsourcing or contracting out any aspects of this initiative?

Answer:

Non-government service providers will deliver this program.

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Question No: 298

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

What is the travel and accommodation component of this Programme?

Answer:

Applicants may include travel and accommodation costs in their application for funding for the purposes of project delivery.

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Question No: 299

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

NGOs are able to apply for funding: what is the total figure for funding of NGOs and community-based organisations?

Answer:

Yes – non-government organisations are able to apply for funding.

A total of \$41.481 million in administered funds will be allocated to Non-Government Organisations and community based organisations for the Mental Health Community Based Program over five years.

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Question No: 300

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

How is the Department ascertaining the outcomes of this Programme?

Answer:

The Mental Health Community Based Program planned outcomes are taken from the COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011. The outcomes are:

1. Reducing the prevalence and severity of mental illness in Australia.
2. Reducing the prevalence of risk factors that contribute to the onset of mental illness and prevent longer term recovery.
3. Increasing the proportion of people with an emerging or established mental illness who are able to access the right health care and other relevant community services at the right time, with a particular focus on early intervention.
4. Increasing the ability of people with a mental illness to participate in the community, employment, education and training, including through an increase in access to stable accommodation.

All projects will need to demonstrate how they will use and develop evidence and/or expand on previous learnings which can be more broadly applied. Project outputs will need to provide a measurable contribution to one or more of the broader program outcomes. Assistance in determining the effectiveness of strategies against outcomes will be provided by the Mental Health Council of Australia.

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Question No: 301

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

What specific outcomes or performance indicators have been written into the funding applications?

Answer:

Service providers will need to demonstrate in their applications for funding their ability to make a measurable contribution to one or more of the Program Outcomes. Performance indicators are outlined in each Funding Agreement Schedule and this is how performance will be measured for each project.

Refer to Attachment A for a list of the Program performance indicators.

Not all criteria apply to all funding agreements due to the broad range of activities

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Attachment A

This is a list of the Program performance indicators:

Participant Indicators
Total number of participants (male/female)
Total number of participants aged under 16, 16-24, 25 and over
Total number of Aboriginal/Torres Straight Islander participants
Total number of participants from a Culturally And Linguistically Diverse background
Total number of participants satisfied with the information/service
Total number of participants reporting a positive impact from participating in the project (broken into sub-groups)
Total number of participants reporting an increase in knowledge and/or understanding of mental health issues (broken into sub-groups)
Total number of participants reporting that they are now confident to provide support to someone displaying symptoms of mental illness
Total number of participants reporting an increase in awareness of effective communication and problem solving skills
Total number of participants reporting an increased awareness of existing support/social services within the community
Total number of participants reporting an increased usage of existing support/social services within the community
Total number of participants reporting an increase in awareness of effective coping skills
Total number of children of parents with a mental illness reporting an increase in awareness of effective coping skills
Total number of participants reporting a positive impact in terms of family strength and resilience from participating in the project
Total number of participants reporting an increase in emotional health and wellbeing following participation in the project
Total number of participants affected by mental illness that report an increased level of support within the local community
Total number of participants who apply but are turned away (if applicable)
Total number of families participating in project
Total number of participant referrals to other appropriate services where applicable
Cost per client/product/service

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Community Indicators
Total number of participants that have attended a community awareness raising activity (broken into sub-groups)
Total number of Aboriginal/Torres Straight Islander participants
Total number of participants from a Culturally And Linguistically Diverse background
Total number of participants satisfied with the information
Total number of participants reporting an increase in knowledge and/or understanding of mental health issues
Total number of participants that report an increase in awareness and understanding of the impact of mental illness on family members and carers

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Question No: 302

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

The Budget papers refer to “community-based projects” – can you detail exactly what this encompasses and provide indicative examples of what ‘projects’ are designated as being beneficial to families coping with mental illness?

Answer:

The Mental Health Community Based Program Application Guidelines identify a range of activities and services directly relating to achieving Mental Health Community Based Program outcomes that support families, carers, children and young people affected by mental illness. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Coping skills courses/workshops;
- Parenting skills courses for parents and carers of children with a mental illness;
- Resource and advice services;
- Support networks;
- Recreation programs in regional/remote areas;
- Mentoring programs;
- Community engagement programs;
- Community awareness programs, targeting local communities, or specific culturally and linguistically diverse or Indigenous communities; and
- Preventative programs that enable communities to identify the early warning signs of mental illness, and offer support.

All projects need to demonstrate and report on how they will or have used and developed evidence or expanded on previous learnings which can be more broadly applied.

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Question No: 304

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

What systems are in place to ensure each funded organisation delivers on its stated objectives? Eg. will there be on-going, yearly or other reviews of each project?

Answer:

Service providers will report to the department regularly for the duration of the Funding Agreement period.

Funded projects will be monitored against a Project Plan. The monitoring requirements will be based on the Annual Project Plan submitted as a condition of funding and will identify timelines and deliverables for the project.

Service providers will report on the progress of their projects through six-monthly reporting to the department.

The Mental Health Community Based Program will be evaluated as a whole in 2010. The evaluation will consider the appropriateness, efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

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Question No: 305

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

Where is this program being advertised?

Answer:

Press advertisements were placed in major metropolitan, major regional and Indigenous newspapers to advertise the commencement of the open, competitive selection process. The press advertisements ran for a period of two weeks commencing on Saturday 16 June 2007.

The selection process was also advertised on the FaHCSIA website *www.facsia.gov.au/mentalhealth*.

No other advertising has been conducted for this program.

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Question No: 318

Topic: Indigenous consumers and outer regional and remote consumers in business services

Hansard Page: CA49 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

What is the estimated participation rate for Indigenous people in business services over the last 5 years - comparison of estimate in the Portfolio Budget Statements with actual and what is the estimated participation rate in business services per 1,000 of the eligible population in outer regional and remote areas?

Answer:

These performance indicators were introduced in 2005-06. Data on these consumer groups is drawn from the *Australian Government Disability Services Census* reports for the years 2000-01 to 2004-05.

A total of 493 Indigenous people with disability were assisted by government-funded business services in the 2005-06 year, up from 280 in 2001-02. Data covering this five-year period is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Number of Indigenous people with disability assisted by business services, 2001-02 to 2005-06

2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
280	331	337	371	493

Source: *Australian Government Disability Services Census* reports, various years

The estimates and corresponding results for the 'Indigenous people using business services per 1,000 of the indigenous population' performance indicator is provided in Table 2.

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Table 2: Estimate and corresponding result for the ‘Indigenous people using business services per 1,000 of the indigenous population’ performance indicator, 2005-06 to 2007-08

Financial Year	PBS Estimate	Annual Report Result
2005-06	1.5	1.6
2006-07	1.6	1.9
2007-08	1.3	Not yet available

Source: Portfolio Budget Statements of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, various years; Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Annual Report 2005-2006.

The estimates and corresponding results for the ‘Users of business services per 1,000 of the eligible population in outer regional and remote areas’ performance indicator is provided in Table 3.

Data on the total number of consumers in outer regional and remote areas assisted by business services over the period 2000-01 to 2004-05 is not available.

The data that is reported in *Australian Government Disability Services Census* reports is only for the total Disability Employment Assistance population and is not broken down by employment service type.

Table 3: Estimate and corresponding result for the ‘Users of business services per 1,000 of the eligible population in outer regional and remote areas’ performance indicator, 2005-06 to 2007-08

Financial Year	PBS Estimate	Annual Report Result
2005-06	6.4	7.0
2006-07	6.2	7.5
2007-08	5.7	Not yet available

Source: Portfolio Budget Statements of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, various years; Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Annual Report 2005-2006 and 2006-2007

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Question No: 319

Topic: Mental Health Advisory Group – Community Based Program

Hansard Page: CA61 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

What is the breakdown of funding for each of the seven sites? Can you provide a comparison of how the funding they are operating with now compares with whatever is going to come out of this?

Answer:

Details of the funding for each of the seven Family Mental Health Support Service sites is at Attachment A. For each of the seven organisations, Family Mental Health Support Service funding makes up nearly fifty per cent of their total, current FaHCSIA funding.

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Attachment A

This is a breakdown of the funding for the Family Mental Health Support Services Funding Agreements over the seven sites:

Location	Funding (GST exclusive)			
	2006 - 07	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009-10
ACT Canberra Marymead Child and Family Centre	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$190,000	\$10,000
Queensland Wide Bay / Burnett Centacare Brisbane	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$290,000	\$10,000
Tasmania Hobart Anglicare Tasmania Inc.	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$190,000	\$10,000
NSW Far West Centacare Catholic Community Services - Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$290,000	\$10,000
Victoria Inner Melbourne Drummond Street Relationship Centre	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$290,000	\$10,000
South Australia	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$290,000	\$10,000

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Murray Bridge Centacare Catholic Family Services				
Western Australia East Metropolitan CLAN WA Inc.	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$290,000	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$950,000	\$2,850,000	\$1,830,000	\$70,000

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Question No: 320

Topic: Mental Health Advisory Group

Hansard Page: CA66 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

Could you provide a list of the three tender groups and what the guidelines were?

Answer:

FaHCSIA staff comprised 22 of the 41 assessors for PHaMs Round 1 tender, when the assessment was conducted between 5 March and 16 March 2007. A tender process for PHaMS Round 2 commenced on 18 June 2007 and the assessment team was made up of 11 FaHCSIA staff and 45 non departmental staff. For both the Respite and Community Based Programs assessment teams, a similar approach was undertaken.

Program and assessment guidelines are publicly available on the website.
<http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/mentalhealth/nav.htm>

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Question No: 321

Topic: Mental Health - PHaMS Program

Hansard Page: CA71 & CA72

Senator Moore asked:

Could you provide the brochures, pamphlets and handouts for the advertising and education campaigns?

Could you provide a breakdown of the costs, dates, ads etc?

Answer:

Promotional packs were provided to relevant Senators on 14 June 2007.

Total costs for promotion of the program since May 2007 are \$24,290.41 (GST exclusive).

This expenditure has covered promotional packs containing posters, pamphlets and other material that has been sent to all funded organisations.

The cost for advertising the Round 1 competitive service provider selection process was \$113,547.76 (GST exclusive). The application period was from Saturday 3 February 2007 to Friday 2 March 2007 (4 weeks).

The Round 2 advertising cost was \$71,177.60 (GST exclusive). The application period was from Saturday 5 May to Friday 1 June 2007 (4 weeks).

Round 3 advertising costs are estimated to be \$75,000 (GST exclusive). Advertising is expected to take place in February and March 2008.

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Question No: 284

Topic: YPIRAC Program

Hansard Page: CA43 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Could you please provide a copy of the full performance reporting framework for the YPIRAC Program?

Answer:

A copy of the National Evaluation and Performance Reporting Framework is available on the department's internet site, as part of the 'model' bilateral agreement, at:
www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/disabilities/policy-cstda.htm#10.

Younger People with disability in Residential Aged Care Programme NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING MATRIX

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Relationship between the matrix and the Programme logic diagram. Each of the following tables (1 to 7) relates to a row or level in the diagram. A summary description of what that row refers to appears at the beginning of each table.

Targets and milestones have been established for some indicators as part of the Bilateral Agreements.

Intended use of data: The matrix shows whether the data will be used for performance monitoring, and review (M & R), progress reporting in the Implementation Plan Progress Report (IPPR) and/or for Programme Evaluation (PE) and whether each indicator will be used primarily to draw conclusions about effectiveness, efficiency or appropriateness. The information drawn from the data will be used in reporting to COAG; The Productivity Commission; the National Annual Report on the progress of the Helping Younger People with disability in Residential Aged Care Programme and other agreed communications. Some information such as that relating to targets for reducing the number of younger people in residential aged care will be used for both performance reporting, monitoring and review and for Programme evaluation. The matrix also shows whether each item of data relates primarily to objectives 1, 2 and/or 3 of the COAG announcement.

Sources and methods are indicative. A brief description of each of the methods follows. When determining categories for recording data. Every attempt should be made to use the categories that have been developed and agreed by states and territories. The following tables include references to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection – Data Guide: Data Items and Definitions 2005-06 (AIHW). This Data Guide will explain the relevant service and data categories to be followed.

Except where otherwise indicated data would be collected and reported to FACSIA by States and Territories for the previous financial year and disaggregated by < 50 & <65 yrs of age; noting gender; and where known, the diverse cultural background including identification of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, geographic location and primary disability type.

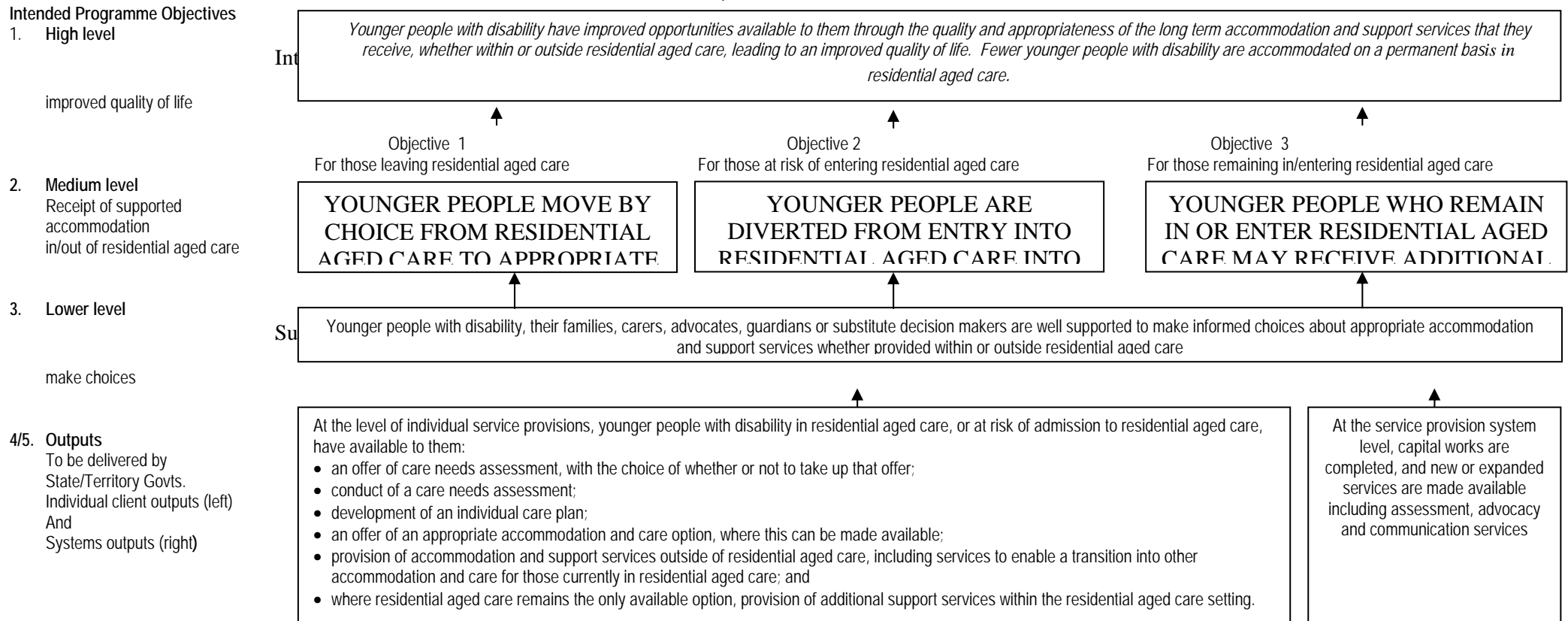
The data items will be collected annually through a separate data collection process and this information could be drawn from one or more of the following sources:

1. **Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA):** refers to data collected by DoHA about younger people with disability who are residents in residential aged care, or who are assessed by ACATs as potential residents
2. **Consumer Surveys** of client/carer satisfaction. This covers both surveys initiated by state and territories as well as specific national surveys or other form of seeking consumer feedback, conducted as part of Programme evaluations.
3. **Service data** – information sourced from services providing support.
4. **Financial records** – Provision of data reporting in both cash and accrual forms in line with the requirements for Annual Reporting and Bilateral Agreement.

5. Programme Information and Data – information drawn from programme operations.

For some indicators, several potential sources and methods have been identified. For some of those indicators it will be appropriate to collect complementary data - For others, choices will need to be made about the most appropriate source of data and the data collection method.

**SCHEDULE 1: ASSISTING YOUNGER PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE PROGRAMME (YPIRAC)
NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK**



6. Processes

State/Territory Govts
Planning and implementing
Plans.

To

In accordance with their day to day implementation management responsibilities, States and Territories will:

- *conduct consultations, identify individual support needs, gaps and options and develop action plans; and*
- *develop and implement systemic action plans (including meeting milestones in relation to undertaking capital works, developing new service models, policies, protocols, advocacy procedures, communication processes, monitoring and evaluation) to ensure that younger people will have appropriate options, and that they and their carers, advocates, guardians or substitute decision makers will be aware of those options, know how and when to access them, and are made aware of their rights.*

7. Inputs

Joint Funding
Aust. & State/Territory Governments

Australian Government – Department of Health and Ageing - Provides data to assist with access to the client group, and assists with the development and implementation of protocols between disability agencies and Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) for the referral of younger people with disability to state or territory disability services.

*Australian Government – Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
Funding of 122m over 5 years for negotiated bilateral agreements, co-ordinates strategic frameworks, monitors, evaluates and reports on success of Programme*

State & Territory Governments

- *Funding of 122m over 5 years for planning, service delivery, monitoring and evaluation of state and territory plans and outcomes, communication and implementation.*
- *assists with the development and implementation of protocols between disability agencies and ACATs*

TABLE 1: High level outcome: Younger people with disability have improved opportunities available to them through the quality and appropriateness of the long term accommodation and support services that they receive, whether within or outside residential aged care, leading to an improved quality of life. Fewer younger people with disability are accommodated on a permanent basis in residential aged care.

Measures or Indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Programme Information and Data
Indicators of effectiveness								
<p>OBJECTIVES 1 AND 2 – NET REDUCTION ACHIEVED.</p> <p>1. Net reduction in numbers of younger people (< 50 and < 65 yrs) with disability permanently in residential aged care as indicated by numbers in residential aged care at end of each financial year compared with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pre-Programme numbers at June 30 in 2003-04, 04-05, 05-06 ; • previous years during the Programme; and • targets established in bilateral agreement. 			X	X				

Measures or Indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Programme Information and Data
<p>Objectives 1 and 2 – Age of Younger People In Residential Aged Care.</p> <p>2A. AN INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE AND MEDIAN AGE OF THE COHORT OF PEOPLE UNDER 65 ENTERING AS WELL AS THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FOR EACH YEAR OF THE PROGRAMME COMPARED WITH 2003-04–2005-06.</p> <p>2B. AGE DISTRIBUTION PROFILE (5 YEAR COHORTS) OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF AGE CARE FACILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE IN EACH YEAR OF THE PROGRAMME, COMPARED TO THE EQUIVALENT PROFILE AS AT 30 JUNE 2004, 2005 AND 2006</p>	X		X	X				
<p>OBJECTIVES 1, 2 AND 3 – NUMBER OF YOUNGER PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE.</p> <p>3. Number of younger people (< 50 and <65 years):</p> <p>a. admitted to (RCS Level 1-8 or equivalent levels), and</p> <p>b. discharged from residential aged care in the previous financial year, compared with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pre-programme numbers at June 30 in 2005 and 2006; and • previous years during the Programme. 	X			X				

Measures or Indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Programme Information and Data
<p><i>Objectives 1,2 and 3 – Improved Quality of Life</i></p> <p>4. Improved quality of life of younger people with disability who were in residential aged care (O1), were diverted from residential aged care (O2), or remained in residential aged care (O3), as indicated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> number and % of target group (and their carers as appropriate) who report that the new arrangements have enhanced their quality of life at two agreed points in time: <p>TOTALS AND SEPARATE RESULTS FOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> those who moved out of residential aged care and their carers (as appropriate) (O1); those who moved into residential aged care over the previous 12 months (O3). those who remained in residential aged care following offer of assessment (O3) those who were identified as at risk but did not enter residential aged care and their carers (as appropriate) (O2) <p>NB: Methods and timelines for determining quality of life measures will be agreed collaboratively.</p>		X	X		X	X		X

TABLE 2: Medium level outcome: By choice, younger people who are in residential aged care move to alternative accommodation with support services; those at risk of entering RAC receive alternative supported accommodation rather than move into residential aged care and those who remain in residential aged care facilities do so primarily by choice and receive appropriate additional disability support services.

Measures or Indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Program Information and Data
Indicators of effectiveness								
NOTE: REPEAT OF INDICATOR 3.			X	X				
<p>Objectives 1,2 and 3 – Satisfaction with services received. Indicators relate to quality and appropriateness of specific services received by target group members for each of the 3 program objectives (1-3): 6. Number and % (<50 and <65) of target group and each objective (1-3) who report levels of satisfaction with different types of services at regular review points after services were provided as: a) high; and b) moderate (Use service type categories 2.01 to 6.05 in NMDS).</p>			X		X	X		
<p>Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Complaints received about the programme. 7a. Number (<50 and <65) of target group, disaggregated across the three objectives with complaints about services under the programme, and the nature of those complaints (eg. choice, movement or lack of movement to alternative accommodation, quantity, quality, nature of services available and provided). 7b. Statistical and free text information provided on the resolution of those complaints. Each jurisdiction will obtain this information through their current complaints system.</p>	X		X		X	X		
<i>Indicators of appropriateness and accessibility of services</i>								
<p>Objectives 1- Number of people who returned to Residential Aged Care. Indicator relates to appropriateness of services provided 8. Number and % of those who moved out of residential aged care (<50 and <65 years of age) under this Programme and who returned (for other than respite), reasons for return and whether these related to the appropriateness of accommodation arrangements and/or support services that they had been offered and selected</p>	X		X		X			

Measures or Indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Program Information and Data
<p>Objectives 2 – Reasons people remained in Residential Aged Care. Indicator relates to appropriateness and accessibility of accommodation services.</p> <p>9a. Of those who remained in residential aged care over the reporting period, the number and % (<50 and <65) across the various stated reasons for not leaving. Where the primary reason is related to care needs, specify RCS level 1-8 or equivalent scale. Reasons may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chose not to participate in the Programme / refused a care needs assessment (include any stated reasons for that decision); • no assessment offered or conducted (include any reason(s) for an offer not being made / conducted); • individual care needs (including those associated with early onset of dementia or other age related conditions); • preferences, family circumstances; • systemic capacity to provide alternative more suitable arrangements including issues relating to cost-effectiveness of doing so; • no consideration given to alternative accommodation. <p>9b. Of those who entered residential aged care during the reporting period, the number and % (<50 and <65) across the various stated reasons. Where the primary reason is related to care needs, specify RCS level 1 – 8 or equivalent scale. Reasons may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual care needs (including those associated with early onset of dementia or other age related conditions); • preferences, family circumstances; • systemic capacity to provide alternative more suitable arrangements including issues relating to cost-effectiveness of doing so; • no consideration given to alternative accommodation. 		X	X					X
		X	X					

TABLE 3: Lower level outcome: Younger people with disability are well supported to make informed choices about appropriate accommodation and support services whether provided within or outside residential aged care .

Measures or Indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Program Information and Data
Indicators of effectiveness								
Objectives 1,2 and 3 – Effective Information and support received. 10. Number and % of younger people with disability, their families, carers, advocates, guardians or substitute decision makers who consider that effective information and support was received about appropriate accommodation and support services.			X		X			
Indicators of appropriateness, accessibility and equity								
Objectives 1and 2 – Reasons alternative accommodation was not offered. Indicator is about appropriateness of services available compared with other factors 11. Of those who are identified by the programme as at risk of entering or are in residential aged care and are offered an assessment and are not offered alternative accommodation arrangements, The primary and secondary reasons that offers were not made (e.g. declined assessment, care needs, wishes, availability of alternatives, other).			X		X			

TABLE 4: Outputs: Supported assessments are completed of the needs of individuals and the availability of appropriate options given those needs.

Measures or indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	<i>M & R</i>	Implementation Plan Progress Report	<i>PE</i>	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Programme Information and Data
Indicators of effectiveness								
<p>Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Numbers who were offered accommodation and/or support.</p> <p>12. Number of people with disability <50 years of age and <65 years of age who through this Program are identified as at risk of entering or are currently in residential aged care (identify separately) who are:</p> <p>A. Offered other accommodation</p> <p>B. Those who take up other accommodation.</p> <p>C. Offered services – in other accommodation.</p> <p>D. Offered services – in residential aged care.</p> <p>Specify different accommodation and if long-term or transitional services.</p> <p>(USE NMDS SERVICE TYPE CLASSIFICATIONS 1.01 TO 1.08; 2.01 TO 6.05 AND IDENTIFY SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED THAT DO NOT FIT IN THESE SERVICE TYPES AS ‘OTHER SERVICES’.)</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
<p>Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Number who received assessments and individual care plans</p> <p>13. Numbers of younger people <50 years of age and <65 years of age</p> <p>A. in residential aged care and separately for those</p> <p>B. at risk of entering residential aged care, who during the previous financial year were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered a no obligation care needs assessment for suitability for alternative accommodation and support services. Offered participation in an individual care plan process who accept the offer. <p>(Specify status of assessments; i.e. offered, commenced, completed.)</p>		X	X	X	X	X		X
<p>Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Numbers of people assisted against targets.</p> <p>14. Numbers of younger people with disability (<50 and <65) assisted across each of the Program objectives in the previous financial year (compared to the number of people to be assisted compared to targets set out in the implementation plan contained in the bilateral agreement. Support with free text commentary on the above indicator, including explanation of any measures that indicate the Programme may not be achieving agreed outcomes.</p>		X				X		X
<p>Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Numbers of people who were not offered an assessment.</p>			X		X	X		X

Measures or indicators	Intended use			Sources of Information and Data				
	<i>M & R</i>	Implementation Plan Progress Report	<i>PE</i>	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Programme Information and Data
<p>15. Numbers of younger people <50 years of age and <65 years of age</p> <p>A. in residential aged care and</p> <p>B. at risk of entering residential aged care</p> <p>who were not offered participation in an assessment planning process and reasons why.</p>		X						
<p>Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Numbers of people who received formal information and advocacy services.</p> <p>16a. Numbers of younger people <50 years of age and <65 years of age</p> <p>A. identified at risk of entering residential aged care</p> <p>B. entering residential aged care in residential aged care,</p> <p>who are offered disability information and/or advocacy services to assist them to make informed decisions and choices about the programme options in the previous financial year. (use NMDS service type classifications 6.01 to 6.05)</p> <p>(Objective 1, 2 and 3 – Identify a system of support to stakeholders.)</p> <p>16c. Confirmation that a system is in place that supports the involvement of carers, families, advocates and substitute decision makers in the above and identify the level of effectiveness.</p>		X	X		X	X		X

TABLE 5: Outputs: Improved opportunities are made available by expanding or enhancing options for service delivery and accommodation; and by delivery of communication/information and advocacy services so that services can be offered to members of the target group (*all indicators relate to all 3 Objectives*)

Measures or Indicators	Intended Use			Sources of Information and Data				
	M & R	Implementation Plan Progress Report	PE	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Program Information and Data
Indicators of administrative effectiveness								
17 Reports on the progress and implementation of assessment processes and care needs planning are included in the implementation plan progress report	X	X			X			X
18. Capital works are identified and progress is reported in the implementation plan progress report.		X						X
19 Report the progress of accommodation and service options provided including the development of new service and accommodation options. Identify these in relation to those who are entering residential aged care, diverted from residential aged care, remain in residential aged care and those who have moved out of residential aged care.	X	X						X
20 Report the process methods used to support the implementation of the programme i.e. brochures produced, information sessions run, advocacy provided, and communication support provided.	X	X						X
Duplication of Indicator 10.								X
Indicators of appropriateness of administrative processes								
22 An annual implementation progress report is produced including reporting against this performance monitoring framework including other reporting as mentioned in the Bilateral Agreement.	X	X						X
23 Appropriate assessment processes and protocols are documented and communicated to all those concerned and are the subject of continuous improvement so that valid and useful assessments can be offered to members of the target group.	X	X	X					X
24 New policies and protocols incorporate agreed principles for Programme operation, standards and safeguards; are consistent with National Disability Standards	X	X	X					X

Table 6

Implementation Plan Progress Report

TABLE 7 - Inputs

The Commonwealth contributes agreed matched funding and assists with establishment of overall accountability framework for funds and outcomes; State and Territory governments contribute agreed matched funding. Expenditure under the Programme and costs for services is documented and provided in accordance with reporting requirements in Bilateral Agreement.

Measures	Intended use		Sources of Information and Data					
	<i>M & R</i>	Implementation Plan Progress Report	<i>PE</i>	DoHA data	Consumer Survey	Service data	Financial records	Programme Information and Data
Indicators of administrative efficiency								
25 Indicators of overall Programme efficiency – the way inputs are used to produce outputs and outcomes. Percentage of Programme funds spent on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development of infrastructure, new models of operation; - initial assessment processes; - service delivery; and - other 		X	X			X	X	X
26 Average cost per assessment across the three objectives		X	X			X		X
27 The time period between an initial assessment and required services becoming available.		X	X					X

Implementation Plan Progress Report

Helping Younger People with disability in Residential Aged Care Programme

Jurisdiction:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Details:	
Email address:	
Date of the Report	

1a. Performance Targets

Net reduction targets	Planned at year 5:		Achieved to date:	
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1b. Numbers of people assisted:

Programme Objectives (PO)	Planned Targets <year>	Achieved Targets <year>	Planned Targets <year>	< Achieved Targets <year>
	<50 years	<50 years	<65 years	<65 years
Moved younger people with disability currently accommodated in residential aged care into appropriate supported disability accommodation where it can be made available and if this is what clients choose.				
Divert future admission of younger people with disability who are at risk of admission to residential aged care into more appropriate forms of accommodation; and				

Enhance the delivery of Specialist Disability Services to those younger people with disability for whom residential aged care remains the only available suitable supported accommodation option.				
Totals:				

Note: Cumulative total as at that year for years 2,3,4 and 5.

Performance Monitoring and Reporting Framework - Required reporting

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Planned initiatives and programme responsibilities</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i><50</i>	<i><65</i>	<i>Milestones</i>	<i>Planned completion date.</i>	<i>Status -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Completed</i> • <i>On track</i> • <i>Delayed</i> 	<i>Comments and any remedial action for delayed milestones.</i>
Data and Text								
Table 2 Indicator 9a/b.	Reasons people remained in residential aged care	<i>For example:</i> a. <i>Chose not to participate in the Programme</i> b. <i>Refused a care needs assessment</i> <i>Etc.</i>						
Table 4. Indicator 12	Numbers who were offered accommodation and/or support.							
Table 4 Indicator 13	Numbers who received assessments and individual care plans							
Table 4 Indicator 14	Numbers of people assisted against targets.							
Table 4 Indicator 15	Numbers of people who were not offered an assessment.							

Table 4 Indicator 16a	Numbers of people who received formal information and advocacy services.							
Text								
Table 1 Indicator 4	Report on Quality of Life outcomes for younger people with disability assisted through the Programme.							
Table 3 Indicator 11.	Reasons alternative accommodation was not offered.							
Table 4 Indicator 16c	Identify a system of support to stakeholders.							
Table 5 Indicator 17	Report on the implementation of assessment processes and care needs planning							
Table 5 Indicator 18	Identify Capital Works and progress							
Table 5 Indicator 19	Report on the progress of accommodation and service options provided including the development of new service and accommodation options.							
Table 5 Indicator 20	Report the process and methods used to support the implementation of the programme.							

Table 5 Indicator 21	Report the effectiveness of advocacy support (informal and formal) provided to assist the decision making of younger people with disability across the three objectives.						
Table 5 Indicator 22	Include any issues, activities or developments relating to other areas of responsibility as outlined in the Bilateral Agreement.						
Table 5 Indicator 23	Appropriate assessment processes and protocols are documented and communicated						
Table 5 Indicator 24	New policies and protocols incorporate agreed principles for Programme operation, standards and safeguards and are consistent with National Disability Standards.						
Table 7 Indicator 28	The time period between an initial assessments and required services becoming available						
Note	Other activities, milestones and notable issues relating to the development and delivery of the programme.						

Explanatory Notes:

Reference:	Is the reference to the jurisdictions implementation plan and to the key outcomes and outputs in the performance Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Matrix.
Planned initiatives and Programme responsibilities:	As above
Activity:	Activities noted in the jurisdictions implementation plans and any other activities carried out to meet the plan and Performance Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Matrix (Table 4,5 and 7). Description of processes used to undertake these activities.
Milestones:	<p>Key Milestones include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress against projected targets;• assessment processes in place;• assessments undertaken;• number of people assisted across three objectives of the programme (i.e. number of care plans);• activities relating to the transition to new care options;• development of new and long term care options;• management of ongoing care in new or existing arrangements;• development and progress of capital works;• development of protocols with ACATS and other agencies;• application of quality assurance measures and activities associated with measuring quality of life for target group;• development of new models; activities associated with the development of responses to people of diverse cultural backgrounds and Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders; communication or consultation strategies.
Status and completion date:	Identify where these outcomes are up to in relation to the plan and identify an expected completion date for these activities. If these are complete just say 'completed'.
Comments and impact:	Include text to identify advancements or challenges and summarise the impact of this activity in relation to the relevant key objectives of the programme.

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Question No: 137

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

What systems of accountability are in place to oversee that the designated NGOs are fulfilling the Government's initiatives? What are the reportable and measurable criteria for NGOs under this Programme?

Answer:

The reporting requirements for service providers include Regular Reports, Annual Service Plans and Audited Financial Acquittal Reports and include the following areas: outcomes, participant profiles, progress against the Eligibility Screening Tool, referrals, staffing, annual proposed budgets and barriers and successes.

FaHCSIA intends to measure the program's progress in relation to outcomes against the National Action Plan. This will entail a measure of how successful the program has been in assisting participants improve their coping skills in relation to daily life.

FaHCSIA intends to measure three broad participant outcomes:

- increased access to appropriate support services at the right time;
- increased personal capacity and self-reliance; and
- increased community participation.

Further work is currently being done to develop a framework for more effectively measuring functional capacity, self-reliance and community functioning for people in the program. This work is being done by expert consultants and will lead to better outcome measurement and ongoing evaluation of the program.

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Question No: 138

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

In terms of assisting with accommodation – does the Department have any idea of how this Programme has actually assisted mentally ill people find accommodation? Exactly how many people have found accommodation through this Programme?

Answer:

The program participants commenced in August 2007. NGO service providers funded through the program work with participants on their individual goals. These goals could include finding safe and secure accommodation. PHaMS providers would work with a range of state funded and community services to obtain appropriate accommodation.

At this stage, data on the number of participants that obtained suitable accommodation is not available. However, information provided in service provider regular progress reports indicate this is a key issue for many participants. Lack of suitable accommodation and long waiting lists to access housing are common in most states and territories and are beyond the control of the PHaMS program. This issue has been raised with the COAG Mental Health Working Groups.

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Question No: 139

Topic: COAG Measure – New Personal Helpers and Mentors

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

What accountability process has been enacted to ensure these mentors and helpers provide the necessary assistance? Will the department be conducting spot checks, audits or accompany these helpers and mentors to monitor their compliance and service delivery?

Answer:

Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) workers are located in teams of five within funded non-government service provider organisations. These organisations have competed in an open tender process to deliver PHaMS services in their local area. Providers are chosen on the basis of their strong local connections, experience in working with people with mental illness and their capacity to deliver the program effectively. It is the responsibility of these funded organisations to ensure that their PHaMS workers are delivering the program in accordance with the funding agreement and program guidelines.

FaHCSIA will be closely monitoring the progress of funded service providers through regular 6 monthly reports from providers to ensure that the needs of the target group are being met and to ensure that services are complying with departmental requirements. Funding Agreement Managers within the department provide support to organisations and manage day to day relationships. Site visits will be conducted as required or as indicated by information provided in regular reports from providers or through contact with Agreement Managers.

In addition training has been provided to all providers by the department to assist with the establishment of services. Training workshops were run for the 28 round 1 providers in May and September 2007 and for the 48 round 2 providers in November and December 2007.

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Output Group: 2.2

Question No: 303

Topic: COAG Measure – Mental Health Community Based Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McLucas asked:

How will Non-Government Organisations and community-based groups be accountable to the department?

Answer:

The department has entered into funding agreements with 46 successful service providers.

The Funding Agreement is the legal agreement between the department and the service provider over the duration of the funding period.

The Funding Agreement sets out the aims, objectives and goals which the Organisation should achieve in relation to the Project they have been funded to deliver. Organisations are legally required to provide reports that include Project reporting against identified key performance indicators, financial reports and ad-hoc reporting requests from the department.

Mental Health Community Based Program funding recipients are required to submit performance reports to the Department six monthly.

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Output Group: 2.3

Question No: 148

Topic: Transfers to Age Pension

Hansard Page: CA76 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

What input does FaCSIA have to Centrelink to advise them what to tell people when they become of age pension age, in terms of what payment they should receive? What sort of policy advice do you tell Centrelink? Can you provide me with a copy of the letter? Does it identify that, if a government in the future deemed it appropriate to pay a carer payment bonus and if you go on to age pension, you will not get that?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs provides policy advice to Centrelink through the *Guide to Social Security Law* which advises on appropriate payment arrangements.

Centrelink issues a *Transfer to Age Pension – Income and Assets Review* form 63 days prior to a customer reaching Age Pension age. The form provides advice to customers on their options.

The *Transfer to Age Pension – Income and Assets Review* form (partial) is attached.

Carer Payment or Age Pension? Fact sheet is attached.*

The decision to make one-off carer bonus payments is a decision of the government.

*Note: the attachment has not been included in the electronic/printed volume but is accessible at the following weblink:

[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/cd002_0609/\\$file/cd002_0609en.pdf](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/cd002_0609/$file/cd002_0609en.pdf)

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<p>PO CSC Address</p> <p>Date of issue 1 January 2006</p>	<p>Centrelink office Centrelink Office</p> <p>CSC code 1111</p> <p>Customer CRN 111 111 111A</p> <p>DUE DATE 28 January 2006</p>
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<p>Customer name (or correspondence nominee address) <Customer postal address line 1> <Customer postal address line 2> <Customer postal address line 3></p>	<p>Return address is a variable. Always returns to the CUSTOMERS CSC address</p>
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Returning your form ▶ Please fold the form and place it in the reply paid envelope so that THIS ADDRESS appears in the envelope window.

<This information is about John Citizen>

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Title variable - Transfer to Age Pension - Income and Asset Review, CR Income and Asset Review, CR Transfer to Age Pension, depending circumstances

**<Transfer to Age Pension><->
 <Income and Asset Review>**

- a • You must return this form by the date shown at the top of this form. If you do not return this form <your> <your and/or your partner's> payment may be stopped.
- b • <The information you give on this form will be used to ensure we are paying you <or your partner> the correct amount and to work out if you can be paid Age Pension.>
- c • <The information you give on this form will be used to ensure we are paying you or your partner the correct amount.>
- d • Where you are asked to supply documents please attach original documents. These will be returned via registered mail.
- e • <If you receive a Disability Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) you can choose to have your Age Pension paid by either Centrelink or DVA. <Your partner can also choose to be paid by DVA. Please contact your local DVA office for further advice.>>
- f • If you need help to fill in this form please phone **13 2300** or visit your local Centrelink office. For information in other languages, please call Centrelink on **13 1202**.
- g • If you are outside Australia you can call us on (+613) 6222 3455 between 0600 and 1700 Australian Eastern Standard time, Monday to Friday. You may reverse the charges by asking your local telephone operator.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

- h • This form shows information Centrelink currently has recorded for you.
- i • <Your partner has been sent a form. It is important for them to also return their form or your payments may be stopped.>
- j • If the information is correct please confirm this by ticking the 'Yes' box.
- k • If the information is not correct please tick the 'No' box and give the correct details.
- l • Please use a black or blue pen and initial any corrections you make.
- m • **Please initial each page** (including any attachments).
- n • Once you have completed the form, check that you have answered all the questions you need to answer, and that you have signed and dated the form.
- o • Please staple all sheets, including any attachments before you return your form.

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1 YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS		<YOUR PARTNER'S PERSONAL DETAILS>
Date of birth	<00.00.0000>	<00.00.0000>
Marital status	<Single> <De facto > <Married>	<De facto > <Married>
Address	<Address Line 1> <Address line 2> <Town> <State> <Postcode>	<Address Line 1> <Address line 2> <Town> <State> <Postcode>
<Postal address>	<Address Line 1> <Address line 2> <Town> <State> <Postcode>	<Address Line 1> <Address line 2> <Town> <State> <Postcode>
Home ownership	<Non home owner>	<Non home owner>
<Rent type>	<Private rent> <Public housing>	<Private rent> <Public housing>
<Rent/frequency>	<\$150.00> <Per week/fortnight>	<\$150.00> <Per week/fortnight>
<Sharing accommodation>	<Yes> <No>	<Yes> <No>

Are these details complete and correct?
 Yes No Give correct details below.

Only displayed for single customer

<2> <Does any person of the opposite sex regularly stay in your home?>

Do NOT include: Your children, parents, brothers or sisters, or visitors or temporary guests.
 INCLUDE anyone of the opposite sex who regularly stays two or more nights per week, or uses your home as a base (e.g. truck driver, fisherman or miner who works away from home).

Yes No

Give details below.

Full name	Age	Your relationship to this person	When did he/she first stay with you?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If more than 3 people, please give details on a separate sheet.

Never displayed on partner form

<These are optional questions which will not affect your payment. If you do answer, the information will help Centrelink to continue to improve services to Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian South Sea Islander peoples.>

<3> <Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?>

For persons of more than one origin, please tick more than one 'Yes' box.

No

Yes - Aboriginal

Yes - Torres Strait Islander

<4> <Are you of Australian South Sea Islander origin?>

Yes No

Only displayed for person turning AP age but where DOB not verified. Not displayed on PARTNER ONLY form

<PROOF OF YOUR DATE OF BIRTH>

<5> <Please provide proof of your date of birth. Documents which prove date of birth are a Passport, Birth Certificate, Birth Extract or Citizenship Certificate where your date of birth is recorded.>

Initials _____ <Partner's initials> _____

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<PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY>

Only displayed for person turning AP age but where POI not acceptable. Not displayed on PARTNER ONLY form

<6> <The rules for proving your identity may have changed since you were first granted payments. In order to meet the new requirements you will need to supply some additional documents. Included at the end of this letter is information about suitable documents you can provide to prove your identity to Centrelink.>

<TAX FILE NUMBER> <and TAX DEDUCTIONS>

<7> The Tax File Number you gave us for your previous pension/benefit will be used if you are paid Age Pension.

Do you want us to use your Tax File Number in this way?

Yes No If you choose not to allow us to use your Tax File Number we cannot pay you Age Pension.

<8> <You currently have tax of (\$000) per fortnight deducted from your payment.

Do you want this deduction to continue?>

Yes
Change amount New amount \$ _____ per fortnight
No Your current deductions will cease.

Variable option to cater for future plans to allow % deductions

<TAX FILE NUMBER> <and TAX DEDUCTIONS>

<9> The Tax File Number you gave us for your previous pension/benefit will be used if you are paid Age Pension.

Do you want us to use your Tax File Number in this way?

Yes No If you choose not to allow us to use your Tax File Number we cannot pay you Age Pension.

<10> <You currently have tax of (000%) per fortnight deducted from your basic payment.

Do you want this deduction to continue?>

Yes
Change amount New amount _____ % per fortnight
No Your current deductions will cease.

Display <f1> <12> <14> for Single customer AND Partnered PPE = No, AND Partner only version

<YOUR RESIDENCE DETAILS>

<11> Are you an Australian citizen?

Yes Were you born in Australia?

Yes GO TO <14>

No When were you granted Australian citizenship? | / /

No What is your country of citizenship? _____

Are you an Australian permanent resident visa holder?

Yes Visa subclass (if known) | _____ Date visa granted | / /

No

<12> Please provide the following details:

Your country of birth | _____

When did you start living permanently in Australia? | / /

Option for soft break for QUESTION <12>

Initials | _____ <Partner's initials> | _____

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Did you start living in Australia before 1965?

Yes Name of Ship/Airline on which you arrived _____
 Name of the place you first arrived (city/port) _____
 No

Option for soft break for QUESTION <12>

What was your name when you first arrived in Australia?

Same as on the front of this form OR Family Name _____
 Given Name(s) _____

Option for soft break for QUESTION <12>

Did you arrive on a New Zealand passport?

Yes No

Option for soft break for QUESTION <12>

What type of visa did you arrive on?

Permanent Visa subclass _____ Date visa granted _____ / ____ / ____
 Temporary Visa subclass _____ Date visa granted _____ / ____ / ____
 Unknown (e.g. arrived on mother's/father's passport)

Display for Single customer only

<13> NOTE: If you had a partner who is now deceased, who lived or worked in a country other than Australia, and you would like to claim a widow's or survivor's pension, please call Centrelink on **13 1673** or if outside Australia **(+613 6222 3455)**.

<14> Have you ever lived outside Australia?

Display for single customer AND PPE = No

Include: all countries (including Australia) where you lived on a LONG TERM BASIS since birth.
 Do NOT include short trips or holidays. Include all periods starting from when born until today.

Yes No GO TO <20>

Give details below.
 Please be as accurate as possible, even if you can only remember the years you lived in that country.

Country of residence: _____ From _____ / ____ / ____ to _____ / ____ / ____

Country of residence: _____ From _____ / ____ / ____ to _____ / ____ / ____

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

Display for partnered customer and PPE = Yes

<YOUR AND YOUR PARTNER'S RESIDENCE DETAILS>

YOUR CITIZENSHIP DETAILS

<15> Are you an Australian citizen?

Yes Were you born in Australia?
 Yes GO TO <17>
 No When were you granted
 Australian citizenship?

No What is your country
 of citizenship?

Are you an Australian permanent
 resident visa holder?

Yes No
 Visa subclass (if known)

 Date visa granted _____ / ____ / ____

YOUR PARTNER'S CITIZENSHIP DETAILS

Is your partner an Australian citizen?

Yes Was your partner born in Australia?
 Yes GO TO <17>
 No When was he/she granted
 Australian citizenship?

No What is your partner's country
 of citizenship?

Is your partner an Australian permanent
 resident visa holder?

Yes No
 Visa subclass (if known)

 Date visa granted _____ / ____ / ____

Initials _____ <Partner's Initials> _____

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<16> YOUR RESIDENCE DETAILS

Your country of birth

When did you start living permanently in Australia? | / /

Did you start living in Australia before 1965?

Yes No

Name of Ship/Airline on which you arrived

Name of the place you first arrived (city/port)

YOUR PARTNER'S RESIDENCE DETAILS

Your partner's country of birth

When did your partner start living permanently in Australia? | / /

Option for soft break for QUESTION <16>

Did he/she start living in Australia before 1965?

Yes No

Name of Ship/Airline on which he/she arrived

Name of the place he/she first arrived (city/port)

Option for soft break for QUESTION <16>

What was your name when you first arrived in Australia?

Same as on the front of this form OR

Family Name _____

Given Name(s) _____

What was your partner's name when he/she first arrived in Australia?

Family Name _____

Given Name(s) _____

Option for soft break for QUESTION <16>

Did you arrive on a New Zealand passport?

Yes No

Did your partner arrive on a New Zealand passport?

Yes No

Option for soft break for QUESTION <16>

What type of visa did you arrive on?

Permanent Visa subclass |
 Date visa granted | / /

Temporary Visa subclass |
 Date visa granted | / /

Unknown (e.g. arrived on mother's/father's passport)

What type of visa did your partner arrive on?

Permanent Visa subclass |
 Date visa granted | / /

Temporary Visa subclass |
 Date visa granted | / /

Unknown (e.g. arrived on mother's/father's passport)

Initials _____ <Partner's initials> _____

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<17> Have you or your partner ever lived outside Australia?

Include: all countries (including Australia) where you or your partner lived on a LONG TERM BASIS since birth. Do NOT include short trips or holidays. Include all periods starting from when born until today.

Yes No **GO TO <20>**

Give details below.
 Please be as accurate as possible, even if you can only remember the years you lived in that country.

YOU	YOUR PARTNER
Country of residence _____	_____
From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____	From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Country of residence _____	_____
From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____	From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet

Only QUESTION<18> OR <19> will be displayed

<PROOF OF RESIDENCE>

<18> <As you are currently receiving Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Widow B Pension, or Mature Age Allowance you automatically meet the residence requirements for Age Pension.>

<19> <To qualify for an Australian Age Pension you must have lived in Australia for:

- 10 years continuously, or
- at least 5 years continuously at any time and more than 10 years in total, or
- 2 years immediately prior to claim if you are a woman who was widowed while both you and your partner were Australian residents.

Some people do not need the 10 or 2 years qualifying residence. These are people living in Australia who are or were refugees on arrival in Australia.

If you have lived in a country with which Australia has an agreement on social security, there may be special rules that overcome these residence requirements.

✦ Please attach documents to establish your period of residence in Australia. *Option for soft break for QUESTION <18>*

Examples of documents you can provide that may establish your period of residence in Australia are:

- Australian visa current at time of entry to Australia as a resident (that is more than 10 years old)
- Australian citizenship certificate in your name/former name (issued more than 10 years ago)
- Document of Identity issued in your name/former name by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (Form 283) issued by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA), showing your name/former name
- Certificate of Identity issued by DIMA to refugees and non Australian citizens for entry to Australia
- Rental lease or home ownership papers (showing period of residence of 10 years or more)
- Employment records
- Children's birth certificates (born in Australia and issued more than 10 years ago)
- Details of bank accounts held in Australia
- Tax returns from previous years

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INCOME AND ASSET DETAILS

<20> Are you <or your partner> currently employed?

Yes No **GO TO <21>**

Give details below.

<YOUR EMPLOYMENT DETAILS>

Employer's name

Employer's address

Postcode

Employer's ABN

Employer's phone no.

Gross amount earned per week

\$ _____

If your earnings fluctuate, what is the total gross amount you have earned in the last 12 weeks?

\$ _____

<YOUR PARTNER'S EMPLOYMENT DETAILS>

Your partner's employer's name

Your partner's employer's address

Postcode

Your partner's employer's ABN

Your partner's employer's phone no.

Gross amount earned per week by your partner

\$ _____

If your partner's earnings fluctuate, what is the total gross amount your partner has earned in the last 12 weeks?

\$ _____

Option for soft break for QUESTION <20>

Do you intend to continue this employment?

Yes No **Date you will cease work**

If more than 1 employer, please give details on a separate sheet.

Does your partner intend to continue this employment?

Yes No **Date your partner will cease work**

If more than 1 employer, please give details on a separate sheet.

<21> Deposit accounts and direct investments

Name of institution/Description	Account type	Account number	Balance	Your share	<Partner's share>
ComBank	Flexi rate	1234567890111	\$0,000,000	000%	000%
ANZ	Pensioner security	1234567890111	\$0,000,000	000%	000%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No **Give correct details below.**

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL accounts not listed above.
 This includes term deposits, accounts you hold in trust or under any other name, or money held in church or charitable development funds.
 Overseas accounts and term deposits should be included with the current balance in the type of currency in which it is invested. Centrelink will convert this to Australian dollars.

Name of institution/Description	Account type	Account number	Balance	Your share	<Partner's share>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	____%	____%
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	____%	____%
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	____%	____%
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	____%	____%

† Please attach for each ADDITIONAL account, proof of account balances e.g. ATM slip, statements, passbooks.

If more than 4, please give details on a separate sheet.

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<22> <Do you have any accounts in banks, building societies, credit unions, church and charitable development funds?>

Include: All accounts held with banks, building societies, credit unions, church and charitable development funds. This includes term deposits and accounts you hold in trust or under any other name.

NOTE: Overseas accounts and term deposits should be included with the current balance in the type of currency in which it is invested. Centrelink will convert this to Australian dollars.

Yes No

Give details below.

Name of institution/ Description	Account Type e.g. Streamline	Account number	Balance	Currency	Your share	<Partner's share>
					%	%
					%	%
					%	%
					%	%

† Please attach proof of all account balances e.g. ATM slip, statements, passbooks.

If more than 4, please give details on a separate sheet.

<23> Managed investments

Name of company	Product type	Number of units or \$ value	Your share	<Partner's share>
Sun Alliance	Trust	1500 units	50%	30%
Prudential	Cash mgt trust	\$23850	100%	0%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any **ADDITIONAL** managed investments not listed above.

Managed investments include investment trusts, personal investment plans, life office and friendly society bonds.

Name of company	Product type	Number of units or \$ value	Your share	<Partner's share>
			%	%
			%	%

† Please attach documents for each **ADDITIONAL** managed investment which show details (e.g. certificate with number of units or account balance).

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

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YOUR SUPERANNUATION

<24> <Do you have any money invested in approved deposit funds, deferred annuities or superannuation funds (where you do not receive a superannuation pension from the fund)?>

Yes No

Give details below.

NOTE: Include any money held in a Self Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF) and Small APRA Fund (SAF) only if these are a complying fund.

These are funds in the accumulation phase from which payments are not being made.

Date of joining or date of investment	Name of Institution/ Fund manager	Name of Fund	APIR code (if known)	Number and type of units (if applicable)	Your account balance
					\$
					\$

† Please attach the latest statement for each fund.

If more than 2, or insufficient space please give details on a separate sheet.

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<YOUR PARTNER'S SUPERANNUATION>

<25> Does your partner have any money invested in approved deposit funds, deferred annuities or superannuation funds (where your partner does not receive a superannuation pension from the fund)?

Yes No

Give details below.

NOTE: Include any money held in a Self Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF) and Small APRA Fund (SAF) only if these are a complying fund. These are funds in the accumulation phase from which payments are not being made.

Date of joining or date of investment	Name of Institution/ Fund manager	Name of Fund	APIR code (if known)	Number and type of units (if applicable)	Partner's account balance
					\$
					\$

+ Please attach the latest statement for each fund.

if more than 2, or insufficient space please give details on a separate sheet.

<INCOME STREAMS>

<26> <Income streams such as Pension Annuities/Allocated Pension>

Provider name	Reference number	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
ComSuper	1234567890	\$0,000,000	fortnightly	100%	0%
Mid Eth Fund	1234567890	\$0,000,000	fortnightly	50%	50%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL income streams not listed above.

Provider name	Reference number	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
		\$		%	%
		\$		%	%

+ Please attach for each ADDITIONAL income stream, the Centrelink/DVA schedule. You can get this from your product provider.

For defined benefit superannuation pensions:

+ Attach a letter from your provider which details product reference number, commencement date, gross income amount, frequency of payments and undeducted purchase price.

if more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

Only displayed if no details recorded for income streams

<27> <Do you <or your partner> receive income from any income stream products?>

An income stream product is a regular series of payments which may be made for a lifetime or fixed period by a:

- financial institution
- life office
- superannuation fund
- Self managed superannuation fund (SMSF)
- Small APRA Fund (SAF), or
- an employer subject to Australian prudential regulations.

Types of income streams include:

- Allocated Pension/Annuity
- Immediate Annuity
- Superannuation Pension (non-defined benefit)
- Defined Benefit Superannuation Pension (e.g. ComSuper pension, State Super pension)
- Market-linked Pension/Annuity

Yes No

+ Please attach for each income stream, the Centrelink/DVA schedule. You can get this from your product provider.

For defined benefit superannuation pensions:

+ Attach a letter from your provider which details product reference number, commencement date, gross income amount, frequency of payments and undeducted purchase price.

Initials _____ <Partner's initials> _____

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<SHARES> <28> Company	Number of shares or \$ value	Your share	<Partner's share>
IAG	1234567890	100%	0%
Blue Sky Mining	000,000	100%	0%
Hong Kong Swamp	\$0,000,000	100%	0%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL shares not listed above.
 Include: shares, options, convertible notes or other securities listed on an Australian
 or outside Australia stock exchange or public companies not listed on a stock
 exchange.

Company	Number of shares	Your share	<Partner's share>
		%	%
		%	%

+ Please attach for any ADDITIONAL shares, the latest statement detailing your share holding for each company
 (if available).
 If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

<REAL ESTATE> Can be multiple occurrence

<29> TYPE <Unit/Flat>	Net income per year	Asset value	Mortgage	House and curtilage	Your share	<Partner's share>
Address Address Line 1 Address line 2 Address Line 3 if necessary	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	100%	100%
TYPE <Commercial premises>	Net Income per year	Asset value	Mortgage	House and curtilage	Your share	<Partner's share>
Address Address Line 1 Address line 2 Address Line 3 if necessary	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000		100%	100%

+ Please attach your last tax return, the rental profit/loss statement and the depreciation schedule, if you have not
 already given these to Centrelink.

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: If you have any ADDITIONAL real estate (other than the home you live in) you will need to complete and
 attach a **Real Estate Details form (Mod R)**. If you do not have this form, call Centrelink on **13 2300** or go to our
 website at www.centrelink.gov.au

Initials _____ <Partner's initials> _____

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<BUSINESS/SELF EMPLOYMENT>

Can be multiple occurrence

<30> TYPE: <Farming partnership>

<Partner's share>

Description	Net income per year	Asset value	Your share	<Partner's share>
Down on the farm	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	50%	50%

+ Please attach your latest individual and business tax return, financial statements, profit/loss statement, balance sheets, depreciation schedule and all accompanying notes, if you have not already given these to Centrelink.

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: If you have any ADDITIONAL business involvement you will need to complete and attach a **Business Details form (Mod F)**. If you do not have this form, call Centrelink on **13 2300** or go to our website at www.centrelink.gov.au

If insufficient space please give details on a separate sheet.

<TRUSTS/PRIVATE COMPANIES>

Can be multiple occurrence

<31> Name: Ryan Family Trust

Name: **My own private company**

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

If you are no longer involved with the above trust or private company, please advise the date you ceased your involvement.

NOTE: Include the name of any ADDITIONAL trust or private company details not listed above.

Name _____

Name _____

(We may need to ask you for more information. We will arrange to speak to you about this.)

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

NOTE: If you have any ADDITIONAL trust or private company involvement you will need to complete and attach a **Private Trust form (Mod PT)** or a **Private Company form (Mod PC)**. If you do not have these forms, call Centrelink on **13 2300** or go to our website at www.centrelink.gov.au

<INCOME AND ASSETS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA (ORIGINAL CURRENCY)>

Can be multiple occurrence

<32> TYPE: <(Foreign) Superannuation>

Country	Currency	Income amount	Frequency	Asset value	Your share	<Partner's share>
Bulgaria	Lev	\$0,000,00	fortnightly		100%	0%

TYPE: <Real estate>

Country	Currency	Income amount	Frequency	Asset value	Your share	<Partner's share>
Austria	Euro			12340	50%	50%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL income or assets from outside Australia not listed above.

+ Please attach for each ADDITIONAL income or asset an appropriate document giving details where available, e.g. pension certificate, statement listing your shareholding, document showing details of real estate owned.

If insufficient space please give details on a separate sheet.

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<OTHER AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS>

Can be multiple occurrence

<33> TYPE: <Disability pension>

Department/Agency	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
Veterans' Affairs	\$0,000,000.00	fortnightly	100%	0%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include details of any ADDITIONAL Australian Government Payments (other than Centrelink payments) not listed above.

Type	Department/Agency	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
		\$		%	%
		\$		%	%

+ Please attach a letter or other document for each ADDITIONAL payment which shows the reference number and details for each payment.
 If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

<GIFTING>

Can be multiple occurrence

<34> Gift type

Gift type	Gift value	Date gifted	Date gift assessed to	Your share	<Partner's share>
Cash	\$0,000,000	00.00.0000	00.00.0000	50%	50%

NOTE: Listed above are any cash, assets, property or income given away, surrendered, or sold for less than their market value in the last 5 years.

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL gifts made in the last 5 years. This includes any cash, assets, property or income you have given away, sold for less than their market value or surrendered a right to. This includes forgiven loans and shares in private companies.

Gift type	Gift value	Date gifted	Your share	<Partner's share>
	\$		%	%
	\$		%	%

(We may need to ask you for more information. We will arrange to speak to you about this.)
 If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

<COMPENSATION PAYMENTS>

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<35> Payer

Payer	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
Sun Alliance Insurers	\$0,000,000	Weekly	100%	0%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL compensation payments not listed above.

Payer	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
	\$		%	%
			%	%

NOTE: If you have received, are receiving or are able to claim any ADDITIONAL compensation and you have not previously told Centrelink about this, you will need to complete and attach a **Compensation and Damages form (Mod C)**. If you do not have this form, call Centrelink on 13 2300 or go to our website at www.centrelink.gov.au

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<OTHER ASSETS>

<36> Type	Description	Asset value	Your share	<Partner's share>
<Other>	<Antiques>	\$0,000,000	50%	50%
<Boats and accessories>		\$0,000,000	0%	100%
<Life Insurance>		\$0,000,000	25%	75%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL assets not listed above.

Give your estimate of the net market value of any assets. **Market value** is what you would get if you sold the item, not the replacement value or insured value.

Type	Description	Asset value	Your share	<Partner's share>
		\$	%	%
		\$	%	%

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

<HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS>

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<37> <What is the net market value of your normal household contents and personal effects?>

Market value is what you would get if you sold the item, not the replacement value or insured value of the item. Centrelink generally accepts a value of \$10,000 for household contents and personal effects.

NOTE: Household contents do not include permanent features such as stoves, carpets, light fittings, built-in furniture, carpets and garden sheds.

What is the estimated net market value of your household contents and personal effects?	Your share	<Partner's share>
\$	%	%

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<MOTOR VEHICLES>

<38> <Do you own any motor vehicles?>

Yes No

Make (e.g. Ford)	Model (e.g. Falcon)	Year	Market value	Amount owing	Your share	<Partner's share>
			\$	\$	%	%
			\$	\$	%	%

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

<OTHER INCOME>

<39> Type	Description	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
<Royalty or commission>		\$0,000,000	Per week	100%	0%

Are these details complete and correct?

Yes No Give correct details below.

NOTE: Include any ADDITIONAL income not listed above.

Type	Description	Amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
		\$		%	%
		\$		%	%

⊕ Please attach for each ADDITIONAL income type, a document which gives details including the amount and the frequency of the income type.

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet.

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<40> Do you <or your partner> have any other assets NOT ALREADY INCLUDED ON THIS FORM, including assets held outside Australia?

NOTE: Assets do not include the value of the home in which you live (where the total land area is up to 2 hectares), or special aids for people with disabilities or accommodation bonds for people residing in an aged care facility.

Assets include:

- insurance policies that can be cashed in
- boats, caravans, trailers
- government bonds, debentures and unsecured notes
- money on loan whether to family members, other people, organisations or trusts
- shares, options, rights, convertible notes, warrants and securities listed on a stock exchange either inside or outside Australia or in a public company not listed on a stock exchange
- managed investments such as investment trusts, personal investment plans, life office and friendly society bonds
- any interest in any real estate inside and outside Australia, including the value of any land greater than 2 hectares (5 acres) surrounding your home
- any debt owing to you and any other right or interest
- cash holdings such as notes and coins you have in a safety deposit box or you are holding instead of putting it into a bank account or someone else is looking after for you (this does not include cash you have for shopping and other day to day expenses)
- antiques, works of art, collections (e.g. stamps, coins), gold bullion
- assets, property or money that you gave away, wrote off or sold for less than its market value in the last 5 years (this includes shares in private companies)
- the value of your interest in a business including a private company or private trust.

Yes No

Description of asset	Date of purchase	Current Market value	Your share	<Partner's share>
			%	%
			%	%

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet. NOTE: We may need to ask you for more information.

<41> Do you <or your partner> receive, or are entitled to receive, any other income NOT ALREADY INCLUDED ON THIS FORM, including income from outside Australia?

Income includes:

- earnings from self-employment
- all payments paid from outside Australia. This includes payments for old age or retirement, disability or invalidity, widowhood, children, superannuation, war related payments and compensation
- income from boarders and lodgers (other than your immediate family)
- war or defence widow's pension
- compensation payments
- educational assistance or allowance
- income from any government department, including Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) payments, New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS), Community Development Employment Projects (COEP)
- lump sum payments received within the last 12 months
- payments in-kind such as non-monetary payments for services
- payments such as director's fees, scholarships, gratuities, match or sporting payments
- income from rental properties
- business income including income as a sole trader, partnership or sub-contractor (this includes a farm)
- income from your involvement in a private trust or company.

Yes No

Description of income	Date first received	Current income amount	Frequency	Your share	<Partner's share>
		\$		%	%
		\$		%	%

If more than 2, please give details on a separate sheet. NOTE: We may need to ask you for more information.

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<42> <Do you <or your partner> receive payments under the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) or Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)?>

Yes For each payment, please attach a letter or other document which shows the reference number and details of the payment.
No

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<43> <Do you wish to receive the free magazine News for Seniors?>

Yes No

Never displayed on single or the PFE = Yes form

<44> <Do you authorise Centrelink to tell your partner about your information?>

Yes No

(You can tell Centrelink to change this arrangement at any time.)

NOTE: Even if you do not authorise Centrelink to provide information to your partner, limited information about you (for example, income and assets) may be disclosed to other individuals (including your partner) when your circumstances affect their entitlement to payments and services.

<45> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

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Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are more generous than for Newstart Allowance. If you are paid Age Pension, you will no longer need to meet activity test requirements.

Newstart Allowance cannot be paid to people who are over Age Pension age. Your Newstart Allowance payments will stop from <00.00.0000> (insert date of pension eligibility). You should complete and return this form to see if you are eligible for Age Pension.

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<46> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

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Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are more generous than for Sickness Allowance. If you are paid Age Pension, there will be no ongoing medical reviews.

Sickness Allowance cannot be paid to people who are over Age Pension age. Your Sickness Allowance payments will stop from <00.00.0000> (insert date of pension eligibility). You should complete and return this form to see if you are eligible for Age Pension.

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<47> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

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Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are more generous than for Mature Age Allowance.

Mature Age Allowance cannot be paid to people who are over Age Pension age. Your Mature Age Allowance payments will stop from <00.00.0000> (insert date of pension eligibility). You should complete and return this form to see if you are eligible for Age Pension.

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Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and the concessions provided to Age Pensioners are the same as for Carer Payment. Once you reach Age Pension age your payment will become taxable whether you remain on Carer Payment or transfer to Age Pension.

Age Pension customers who are still caring for someone no longer have regular carer reviews, unless they are receiving Carer Allowance.

If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia may be more beneficial than those for Carer Payment.

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Carer Payment.

These include:

- if you are caring for someone other than your partner, and that person dies, you may be paid a lump sum bereavement payment. You would not be entitled to this bereavement payment if you were getting Age Pension.
- if you are studying you may be able to get a Pensioner Education Supplement and an Education Entry Payment.
- access to an Employment Entry Payment if you start work.
- if you are single and sharing privately rented accommodation you may be eligible for a higher maximum rate of Rent Assistance than if you were receiving Age Pension and sharing accommodation.

If you would like more information, a factsheet entitled **Carer Payment or Age Pension?** is available by contacting Centrelink or from the Centrelink website at www.centrelink.gov.au

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<49> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and the concessions provided to Age Pensioners are the same as for Disability Support Pension. Once you reach Age Pension age your payment will become taxable whether you remain on Disability Support Pension or transfer to Age Pension.

There are no medical eligibility requirements or medical reviews if you receive Age Pension.

If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia may be more beneficial than those for Disability Support Pension.

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Disability Support Pension.

These include:

- if you are studying you may be able to get a Pensioner Education Supplement or Education Entry Payment.
- access to an Employment Entry Payment if you start work.
- if you currently get Incentive Allowance this can only be paid to Disability Support Pensioners.
- if you are single and sharing privately rented accommodation you may be eligible for a higher maximum rate of Rent Assistance than if you were receiving Age Pension and sharing accommodation.

NOTE: If you have a partner who currently receives Wife Pension she will also lose access to Pensioner Education Supplement if you transfer to Age Pension.

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<50> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION (BLIND)

Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. If you have been receiving Disability Support Pension (Blind) you can be transferred to Age Pension (Blind) without the need to provide new medical details regarding your sight impairment.

The rate of payment and concessions provided to Age Pensioners (Blind) are the same as for Disability Support Pension (Blind). If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension (Blind) outside Australia may be more beneficial than those for Disability Support Pension (Blind).

Disability Support Pension (Blind) may be subject to periodic medical reviews plus income and asset reviews (for those receiving Rent Assistance, or where your partner receives an income tested payment). If Age Pension (Blind) is paid based on the income and assets tests there will only be income and asset reviews. If Age Pension (Blind) is paid free of the income and assets tests there will be no income and asset reviews unless you receive Rent Assistance or your partner receives an income tested payment. Once you reach Age Pension age your payment will become taxable whether you remain on Disability Support Pension (Blind) or transfer to Age Pension (Blind).

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Disability Support Pension (Blind).

These include:

- if you are studying you may be able to get Pensioner Education Supplement or Education Entry Payment.
- if you currently get Incentive Allowance, this can only be paid to Disability Support Pensioners.
- access to an Employment Entry Payment if you start work.
- if you are single and sharing privately rented accommodation you may be eligible for a higher maximum rate of Rent Assistance than if you were receiving Age Pension and sharing accommodation.

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<51> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are more generous than those for Parenting Payment Partnered.

If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia are generally more beneficial than those for Parenting Payment Partnered.

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Parenting Payment Partnered.

These include:

- access to Education Entry Payment.
- access to participation support services, such as the Jobs Education and Training (JET) program.

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<52> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, the income test and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are the same as for Parenting Payment Single. The assets test for Age Pension is more generous than for Parenting Payment Single.

If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia are generally more beneficial than those for Parenting Payment Single.

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Parenting Payment Single.

These include:

- access to Pensioner Education Supplement or Education Entry Payment if you are studying.
- access to Employment Entry Payment if you start work.
- access to participation support services, such as the Jobs Education and Training (JET) program.

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<53> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are the same as for Wife Pension. If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia may be more beneficial than those for Wife Pension.

If you continue to get payment of Wife Pension it relies on your partner remaining eligible for an Age or Disability Support Pension.

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Wife Pension.

These include:

- access to Pensioner Education Supplement (if your partner receives Disability Support Pension), Education Entry Payment and participation support services.
- where you receive compensation type payments.

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<54> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people who are over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are the same as for Widow B Pension. If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia may be more beneficial than those for Widow B Pension.

In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Widow B Pension.

These include:

- access to Pensioner Education Supplement or Education Entry Payment if you are studying.
- access to an Employment Entry Payment if you start work.
- participation support services.
- where you receive compensation type payments.

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<55> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

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In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Widow Allowance.

These include:

- access to Pensioner Education Supplement or Education Entry Payment if you are studying.
- access to an Employment Entry Payment if you start working.
- participation support services.

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In some circumstances you may be better off remaining on Partner Allowance.

These include:

- access to Education Entry Payment if you are studying.
- access to an Employment Entry Payment if you start working.
- participation support services.

<57> TRANSFERRING TO AGE PENSION

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Age Pension is generally the most appropriate payment for people over Age Pension age. The rate of payment, income and asset tests and concessions provided to Age Pensioners are more generous than for Special Benefit. If you are paid Age Pension, you will no longer need to complete Special Benefit reviews.

Special Benefit cannot be paid to people who are eligible to receive another income support payment. As you have now reached Age Pension age you should complete and return this form to see if you are eligible for Age Pension. You may continue to be paid Special Benefit if you are not eligible for Age Pension.

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If you are intending to travel outside Australia, the guidelines for being paid Age Pension outside Australia are generally more beneficial than those for Austudy.

If you pay for private rental accommodation you may be paid Rent Assistance with your Age Pension.

However, there is no income bank for Age Pension and any unused credits will be lost if you transfer to Age Pension.

<59> If you are paid under a Social Security Agreement or are living permanently or long-term outside Australia, there may be other factors that could affect whether it may be better for you to transfer to Age Pension. Centrelink International Services staff will contact you to discuss your circumstances if you may be better off **not** transferring to Age Pension.

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I wish to transfer to Age Pension <(Blind)>

I wish to remain on {current payment type} and not transfer to Age Pension <(Blind)>

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ABOUT THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE

<61> Personal information is protected by law, including the Commonwealth Privacy Act. The authority to collect this information is contained in the social security law.

The information you provide will be used to determine your eligibility, and provide payments and services to you, and where relevant, third parties. This information may also be used to detect or prevent fraud and/or recover overpayments.

Centrelink may give some or all of your information to the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of services provided by Centrelink and contracted service providers.

Relevant information may be disclosed to the governments of other countries under agreements on social security between those countries and Australia. Disclosure and use of information provisions have been written into each agreement.

Centrelink may disclose limited information (for example, income and assets) about you to other individuals when your circumstances affect their entitlement to payments and services.

Limited personal information collected from you may be used to conduct customer research run by Centrelink, the Commonwealth Department of Human Services, the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs or by research organisations on their behalf. Your participation in customer research is valued, however if you do not wish to take part please contact the Customer Research Team on Freecall 1800 050 004 (refer to the factsheet **Customer Research and You** for more information).

Centrelink can give your information to other persons, bodies or agencies without your permission in circumstances where Commonwealth legislation requires or authorises the disclosure.

You can get more information from the factsheet titled **Your Right to Privacy** from your Centrelink office, you can call Centrelink on **13 2300** to request a copy or you can visit www.centrelink.gov.au

<62> YOUR STATEMENT

I declare that:

- the information given is correct.
- if my circumstances change I will notify Centrelink.

I understand that:

- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- Centrelink can make any enquiries necessary to ensure that I receive the correct entitlements.

Your signature	Date	<Your partner's signature	Date>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Your phone number Is this a silent number?

Yes No

<63> You may be able to get assistance with your telephone costs

Is the telephone account issued in your <or your partner's> name?

Yes No

<64> To return this form:

Please fold the form as it was and place it in the reply paid envelope so that THE RETURN ADDRESS appears in the envelope window.

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<Proving your identity to Centrelink>

As a Centrelink customer you are required to prove your identity when claiming a pension, benefit, allowance or service. You must establish your identity by providing **original** documents (not photocopies) from this approved list. Centrelink requires you to prove both your:

- Commencement of Identity (proof of your birth or arrival) in Australia; and
- Use of this Identity.

NOTE: The document you use to show your Commencement of Identity cannot also count towards the POINTS required for the payment or service claimed.

If you have any difficulty in obtaining or providing these documents, you should contact Centrelink as soon as possible. Where possible, Centrelink will use the documents you provide to prove your age, residence, income and/or assets if that is relevant to the payment or service you are applying for. However, to be eligible for some payments or services, you may need to provide additional documents.

To be paid Age Pension you will need to provide:

- at least one document (listed below) to show Commencement of Identity in Australia; **AND**
- OTHER documents that add up to 100 points from the approved list (see below and overleaf).

Commencement of Identity in Australia

Document	Explanation/description	Points
Australian Birth Certificate	Original Australian birth certificate, extract or birth card in your name/former name.	70
Australian Passport (current)	Australian passport in your name/former name. Expired passports are not acceptable.	70
Citizenship Certificate	Australian citizenship certificate in your name/former name.	70
Australian Visa	Australian visa, current at time of entry to Australia as resident or tourist, showing your name/former name.	70
Document of Identity (DFAT)	Document of Identity issued in your name/former name by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to Australian citizens or persons who possess the nationality of a Commonwealth country, for travel purposes.	70
Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (DIMA)	Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (Form 253) issued by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, showing your name/former name.	70
Certificate of Identity (DIMA)	Certificate of Identity issued by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to refugees and non Australian citizens for entry to Australia.	70

NOTE: If more than one of the above documents is provided, the additional documents will count as points.

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Document	Explanation/description	Points
Defence Discharge Papers	Australian Defence Force discharge papers, in your name/former name.	70
Shooter's or Firearm Licence	Current shooter's or firearm licence showing signature and/or photo and same name as claim.	70
Security Licence	Current security protection industry or crowd control licence, showing signature and/or photo and same name as claim.	70
Bank/Financial Institution card, statement or passbook	Current ATM or credit card showing your name and signature. Statement or passbook from current savings or cheque account showing your name and same address (if applicable) as your claim. Cannot accept: cards issued by organisations other than banks, credit unions or building societies, overseas accounts or ATM or internet receipts/statements.	40
Child's Birth Certificate	Australian birth certificate for a child showing your name as parent/guardian. Cannot accept: sibling's certificate.	40
Australian Driver's Licence — Motor Vehicle	Current state or territory issued driver's licence, learner's permit or provisional licence showing signature and/or photo and same name and same address as claim.	40
Australian Divorce Papers	Australian divorce papers in your name/former name, e.g. Decree Nisi, Decree Absolute.	40

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Educational Certificate	Up to 3 school/education qualification certificates for different years in your name/former name (school/TAFE/university/Registered Training Organisation (RTO)).	40
Australian Marriage Certificate	Marriage certificate issued by a state or territory government agency. Cannot accept: church or celebrant issued certificates.	40
Mortgage Papers	Legally drawn mortgage papers for an Australian residence in your name/former name.	40
Name Change	Legal change of name certificate or deed poll certificate.	40
Overseas Passport	Current overseas passport with valid entry stamp or visa.	40
Registration Certificate from a Professional Board	Registration certificate from a national or state/territory professional registration board, e.g. doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists, accountants.	40
Trade Certificate	Current Australian trade certificate in your name/former name. Must be signed by issuer or claimant.	40
Veterans' Affairs Gold Card	Current Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card issued in your name.	40
Reference from Indigenous Organisation	Reference from an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation showing referee's full details and length of time they have known you.	20
Educational Report or Reference	Up to 3 school/education reports or references, including enrolment confirmations for different years or semesters, in your name/former name (school/TAFE/university/RTO).	20
Student ID Card	Current student ID card issued in your name with signature and/or photo (school/TAFE/university/RTO).	20
PAYG Payment Summary	PAYG payment summary, less than 2 years old, with tax file number. Cannot accept: Centrelink issued payment summaries.	20
Insurance Renewal	Current insurance renewal for house, contents, vehicle, boat, crop insurance in your name and showing same address as claim.	20
Tenancy Agreement or Lease	Current formal residential tenancy agreement or lease in your name and showing same address as claim.	20
Medicare Card	A current Medicare card showing your name.	20
Motor Vehicle Registration	Current motor vehicle registration showing your name, same address as claim and proof of payment.	20
Other Overseas Documents	Up to 3 overseas documents (equivalent to Australian documents listed of at least 20 points value), includes lapsed overseas passports.	20
Other Licence	Up to 3 current Commonwealth, state or territory licences for coxswain, boat, aircraft etc. Must have your photo and/or signature and same address as claim (if applicable). Cannot accept: recreational fishing licences.	20
Proof of Age Card	Current proof of age or photo identity card issued by a government agency in your name with photo and/or signature.	20
Rates Notice	Paid rates notice in your name and showing same address as claim, less than 12 months old.	20
Utility Account	Up to 3 paid utility accounts e.g. gas, water, electricity or phone in your name and showing receipt number and same address as claim, less than 12 months old.	20
Electoral Enrolment	Proof of electoral enrolment card issued in your name and same address as claim.	10
Other Financial Documents	Up to 3 current financial documents, such as superannuation, shares, life insurance, credit card statement or managed investment documents issued in your name. Cannot accept: hire or lease agreement.	10
Health Insurance Card	Current health insurance card showing your name.	10
Motoring Association Card	Current membership card or documents issued in your name.	10
Taxation Notice of Assessment	Taxation notice of assessment in your name less than 2 years old.	10
Employment Records	Termination notice, separation certificate, report or reference from employer in your name. Cannot accept: payslips.	10

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Question No: 149

Topic: Carer Payment

Hansard Page: CA78 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

How do you know what income, other than Centrelink income they are getting?

Answer:

FaCSIA uses the Random Sample Survey to identify the type of income received by customers who are receiving the incorrect payment.

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Question No: 150

Topic: Carer Adjustment Payment – panel

Hansard Page: CA80

Senator McLucas asked:

How much did the panel cost to establish?

Answer:

In the 2007-08 Budget, the previous Government provided \$6.5 million for the ex-gratia interim Carer Adjustment Payment. This funding included \$1.5 million to undertake a review of Carer Payment (child) and to establish the Carer Adjustment Payment Expert Panel to assess applications for ex-gratia payments. The costs for the operation of the Panel are part of the \$1.5 million.

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Question No 151

Topic: Carer Adjustment Payment – panel

Hansard Page: CA82

Senator McLucas asked:

When they are complete, can you provide the guidelines that the panel might be using to make judgements about the quantum of payment?

Answer:

Applications for the Carer Adjustment Payment are considered on a case by case basis by an independent panel, the Carer Adjustment Payment Expert Panel. The Panel applies the following criteria in assessing applications for the Carer Adjustment Payment (CAP):

Following a catastrophic event:

- a child, aged 0-6 years, is diagnosed with a severe illness or medical condition, or a major disability due to injury from an accident; and
- a child has significant care requirements – i.e. requires full-time care from the carer for a minimum of two months following the incident; and
- a child's carer qualifies for Carer Allowance in respect of the child; and
- a carer is not qualified for and receiving Carer Payment; and
- a carer and/or their partner is not qualified for and receiving an alternative income support payment; and
- a carer is able to demonstrate a very strong need for financial support during the adjustment period immediately after the catastrophic event.

The amount of the Carer Adjustment Payment available to families depends on their individual circumstances. The maximum amount available to any family is \$10,000 for each child in a single catastrophic event.

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Question No: 152

Topic: Parents of children with severe disabilities – special trusts

Hansard Page: CA85 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

How much was expended (breakdown of package costs) in 2005-06?

Answer:

The Special Disability Trust measure was implemented on 20 September 2006 as part of a package of measures to assist future planning and private financial provision by families caring for an immediate family member with disability.

A total of \$125,000 in departmental funding was allocated to FaHCSIA in 2005-06 to cover staffing costs in implementing the measures, including the development of the model trust deed.

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Question No: 153

Topic: Minister's letter about Budget changes to child care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Evans asked:

In relation to the Minister's two-page letter to families about changes to child care benefit and the child care tax rebate that were announced in the budget. Did the Minister send similar letters to carers eligible for either the \$600 or \$1000 one-off bonuses announced in the budget? If yes, please indicate:

- How many of these letters were sent?
- How many pages long was this letter? If it was also two-pages, was it printed double-sided on one page or were two separate pages sent?
- How much was spent on postage in sending the letters to carers?
- Were glossy pages also enclosed with this letter, as was the case for the letter that was sent to families about changes to child care?
- If glossy pages were sent, how many such pages were included, and how much did it cost to print this material?

Answer:

Carers eligible for a carer bonus payment were sent a one-page letter with no enclosures. As at 29 June 2007, a total of 540,275 carer bonus letters were sent for the 2007 carer bonus payments.

Postage costs were borne by Centrelink.

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Question No: 306

Topic: Special Benefit

Hansard Page: CA19 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

How many actual recipients received Special Benefit last year (2005-2006)?

Answer:

As at 16 June 2006, 6,841 recipients received Special Benefit as published in the 2005-2006 Annual Report.

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Question No: 307

Topic: Special Benefit

Hansard Page: CA20 29/5

Senator Stephens asked:

Would any Special Benefit recipients be drought-stressed farmers who would be ineligible for exceptional circumstances or social security benefits?

Answer:

There are no drought stressed farmers receiving Special Benefit who are ineligible for exceptional circumstances or social security benefits.

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Question No: 317

Topic: Carer Payment Review

Hansard Page: CA83 29/5

Senator McLucas asked:

Can you explain to me the process for the review?

Answer:

The previous Government established an independent Taskforce in March 2007 to examine the eligibility criteria for Carer Payment (child) and consider its effectiveness as a safety net for families of children with disabilities or severe medical conditions.

Mr Anthony Blunn AO chaired the Taskforce, which included representatives of carer and disability groups, and medical and allied health professionals. The Taskforce met on five occasions between May and November 2007.

A discussion paper was released to provide information about the Carer Payment (child) Review. The Taskforce invited submissions to the review from interested individuals and groups through advertisements in metropolitan and rural newspaper, letters to current recipients of Carer Payment (child) and Carer Allowance (child), and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website. Focus groups were held across Australia and over 4,000 submissions were received.

The report was released by the Government on 7 February 2008.

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Members	AWC	NRWC	S4W	WS
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc	*			
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement of SA ●●	*			*
Amnesty International Australia National Women's Rights Team				*
An Indigenous woman (individual)		*		
Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia			*	
Association of Women Educators			*	
Australasian Council of Women and Policing				*
Australian Baha'i Community – Office of Equality				*
Australian Bosnian Women's Cultural Association	*			
Australian Church Women	*			
Australian Council for International Development – Gender Equity Working Group				*
Australian Federation of Medical Women ●●	*			*
Australian Federation of University Women ●●			*	*
Australian Local Government Women's Association ●●	*	*		
Australian Reproductive Health Alliance (ARHA)				*
Australian Women in Agriculture		*		
Australian Women's Health Network				*
Business and Professional Women (BPWA)			*	
Catholic Women's League Australia ●●	*			*
Children by Choice				*
Conflict Resolving Women's Network Australia Inc	*			
Council on the Ageing Australia – National Seniors Partnership	*			
Country Women's Association of Australia		*		
Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women		*		
Guides Australia ●●	*			*
Immigrant Women's Speakout Association NSW				*
International Women's Development Agency				*
International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry – IWFCI			*	
Migrant Women's Lobby Group of South Australia				*
Mothers' Union Australia	*			
Multicultural Women's Advocacy ACT				*
Muslim Women's National Network of Australia Inc.	*			
National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence				*
National Association of Women in Construction – NAWIC			*	
National Council of Churches in Australia (Gender Commission)				*

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National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children				*
Members	AWC	NRWC	S4W	WS
National Council of Women of Australia Inc.	*			
National Foundation for Australian Women-NFAW●●			*	*
National Liaison Committee for International Students in Australia (Women's Department)				*
National Rural Health Alliance		*		
National Union of Students (Women's Department)				*
Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Australia Inc.	*			
Project Respect				*
Public Health Association of Australia – Women's Special Interest Group				*
Rural Doctors Association of Australia – Female Doctors Group		*		
SA Body Image and Disordered Eating Network				*
Soroptimist International ●●	*			*
The Salvation Army	*			
Transport Women Australia Limited		*		
UNIFEM Australia ●●	*			*
Union of Australian Women				*
United Nations Association of Australia – Status of Women Network				*
Unity of Ethiopia Association				*
Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition				*
VIEW Clubs of Australia ●●	*		*	
Women in Adult and Vocational Education – WAVE			*	
Women in Mortgage Broking Network – WIMBN			*	
Women With Disabilities Australia				*
Women's Economic Think Tank				*
Women's Electoral Lobby				*
Women's Industry Network Seafood Community		*		
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom				*
Working Against Sexual Harassment				*
Working Women's Centre – NT			*	
Working Women's Centre – QLD			*	
Working Women's Centre - SA			*	
YWCA Australia				*
Zonta International - District 23 and 24	*			
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Question No: 164

Topic: HREOC inquiry 'It's about time'

Hansard Page: CA107 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you advise the sort of information the Office for Women provided to HREOC in response to questions raised in relation to the inquiry?

Answer:

The Office for Women coordinated the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) input to the HREOC inquiry, "It's about Time". This input contained factual information about the Australian Government policies and programs administered by the department.

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Question No: 165

Topic: Funding of financial literacy activities

Hansard Page: CA109 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

What proportion of your budget is dedicated to financial literacy activities? Could you also outline what those projects are and the amounts that have been allocated beside those?

Answer:

The Office for Women has committed a total of \$150,872 since 2005-06 for projects aimed at increasing financial literacy and superannuation savings for women.

The following projects have been completed and publications are available:

Year	Project	Allocation
2006-07	Roundtable discussion with key government agencies and the National Women's Secretariats about the <i>Financial Literacy Among Marginalised Women</i> research findings.	\$5,000
2006-07	Publication of research report <i>Financial Literacy Among Marginalised Women</i> .	\$30,000
2006-08	Development of brochure <i>Women and Superannuation</i> (targeted to under 40s) in partnership with the Australian Taxation Office.	\$25,000

In addition, the previous government commissioned two pieces of research which are currently underway:

Year	Project	Allocation
2005-07	Commissioned research of <i>Women's experiences of paid work and planning for retirement</i> .	\$34,409
2005-07	Commissioned Research and publication of <i>Aspects of retirement for older women</i>	\$56,463

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Question No: 166

Topic: Support for Victims of Trafficking – Southern Edge Training

Hansard Page: CA112 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

Do you know in how many areas or in how many places the support is being offered? Regarding linkages, can you give me some details of that? Is that available in some kind of brief on what the service does? How is the evaluation of this done? How do you evaluate the work done by Southern Edge Training? Is there a mechanism for that?

Answer:

The Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programme provides national coverage. It is currently supporting victims of trafficking in four states and territories.

The Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programme has linkages with other agencies such as the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Centrelink and Medicare Australia.

A Fact Sheet is available from the Office for Women website that provides details on the elements of support available under the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programme.

An evaluation of the services provided by Southern Edge Training was conducted in 2005 and a departmental review of services was conducted in 2006.

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Question No: 167

Topic: Support for Victims of Trafficking Programme

Hansard Page: CA113 29/5

Senator Moore asked:

Can you provide a snapshot of how the funds are spent?

Answer:

For the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programme for the 2006/07 financial year, approximately equal amounts were expended on case management costs and support funds.

Details for how funds are spent are contained in the fact sheet which can be found on the Office for Women Website.

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Question No: 168

Topic: Women's Safety Agenda

Hansard Page: CA 113-114

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of the programs, expenditure that have been funded through the Women's Safety Agenda in the 2006-07 financial year? Identify the ones that are ongoing for 2007-08 with an asterix.

Answer:

The Women's Safety Agenda includes the following programs and expenditure (exclusive of GST) for 2006-07. The programs that are ongoing for 2007-08 are marked with an asterix.

2006-07

Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative	\$1.4 m
Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault and Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse*	\$1.26 m
Training Projects *	\$0.336 m
Research Officer at Australian Institute of Criminology	\$0.161 m
Personal Safety Survey	\$0.351 m
Violence Against Women. Australia Says NO campaign *	\$9.4 m
Helpline (includes referral payments) *	\$2.49 m

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Question No: 170

Topic: Helpline

Hansard Page: CA119 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Can we have a year by year breakdown on the costs of the Lifeline contract?

Answer:

Lifeline Australia was paid approximately \$2.3 million (GST inclusive) in total to run the 'Violence Against Women. Australia Says NO. Helpline in 2006-07.

Information relating to previous financial years is contained in the answer to question on notice 274 from the 2006-07 Supplementary Estimates Hearing in November 2006.

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Question No: 171

Topic: Women's Safety Agenda

Hansard Page: CA120 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you provide details of the kind of training that is required before a Lifeline employee is able to staff the telephone, and any code of conduct or guidelines/procedures that they follow.

Answer:

Through a combination of formal training and on the job training requirements all staff operating the Helpline have completed Lifeline competency-based telephone counselling training and have been accredited by their local Lifeline Centre after a minimum of 1 year as a Lifeline telephone counsellor.

All telephone counsellors must have a Statement of Attainment from Lifeline Australia for the Community Services Training Package 2002 unit "Recognise and respond to domestic and family violence" prior to taking calls on the Helpline.

New telephone counsellors are inducted into the Helpline and receive training in the operations of the Helpline and Service Finder database prior to receiving calls on the Helpline.

Within 3 months of acceptance onto the Helpline, staff attend and receive a statement of attendance at the Advanced Telephone Counsellor Training in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Attendance at a minimum number of training sessions is required to maintain employment on the Helpline.

Fulfilment of Lifeline telephone counsellor shifts is also required to maintain employment on the Helpline.

All staff must follow the policies and procedures of Lifeline Australia and the Helpline Policy and Procedures Manual, which cover:

- Confidentiality and privacy of callers and staff
- Equity and access for callers
- Training and supervision of staff
- Health and safety of callers and staff
- Quality management plan

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Question No: 172

Topic: Helpline

Hansard Page: CA121

Senator Crossin asked:

Can we have 2006 data on which services are receiving the \$100 referral payments?

Answer:

Lifeline Australia is contracted to administer the \$100 referral payment. A specific list of organisations receiving payments is not available from Lifeline Australia as it is sensitive in nature.

The total number of services that received paid referrals for the July 2006 – December 2006 period was 3864.

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Question No: 173

Topic: Women's Leadership Development Program

Hansard Page: CA122 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

In 2005-06 it was \$4.389 million and \$3.8 million for 2006-07. That is a \$775,000 difference. Can you explain that to me?

Answer:

The difference in the funding allocation is due to the Women's Active Living Kits initiative being a 12-month pilot program.

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Question No: 174

Topic: Appoint

Hansard Page: CA123 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

How many people have been appointed by the use of the AppointWomen Register?

Answer:

AppointWomen provides Australian Government departments with a source of women who are available for appointment to government decision-making bodies.

Although several departments make regular use of the AppointWomen search service, comprehensive data in relation to resultant appointments is not available.

The Office for Women can advise that in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, it conducted 94 board search requests and provided the details of 594 female candidates in response to requests from Australian Government departments.

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Question No: 176

Topic: Reporting to UN

Hansard Page: CA125 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Why did it take until 2006 to report in the latest United Nations CEDAW report and was it in relation to the program for the Committee? When was the sixth report originally due and can you confirm whether we are in fact actually 4 years behind in reporting to the UN?

Answer:

Australia submitted its combined 4th/5th report to the United Nations at the end of 2003. However, the CEDAW committee had a considerable backlog of reports for its consideration, and so was not able to consider Australia's report until January 2006.

Australia's 6th CEDAW report was due in 2004 and the 7th report is due in 2008. At Australia's session with the CEDAW committee in January 2006, it was agreed that Australia would submit its combined 6th/7th report in August 2008, which will bring Australia up to date with its reporting requirements.

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Question No: 177

Topic: Southern Edge Training

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

With regard to services provided by Southern Edge Training, has there been any or is there intended to be any evaluation of their service provision? If so, please provide details of the evaluations, in particular:

- Completion or expected completion dates;
- Who was or will be involved in the evaluation;
- The key findings and recommendations if applicable; and
- How the views and experience of victims of trafficking themselves were incorporated in these evaluations.

Answer:

An evaluation of the services provided by Southern Edge Training was conducted in 2005 by Urbis Keys Young.

The evaluation included consultation with staff from Southern Edge Training, the Australian Federal Police, the then Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Centrelink and the primary accommodation provider used by Southern Edge Training.

Victims accessing the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programmes were not included in the evaluation due to security reasons and the sensitivity and vulnerability of their situation.

This evaluation was conducted in the lead up to an open tender process, and was administrative in nature. The recommendations were used to improve requirements for services and performance standards in the Request for Tender. As this programme is in the process of being put out to tender again, it is not appropriate to discuss key findings at this time.

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Question No: 278

Topic: White Ribbon Day

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Office for Women's Website states "In Australia this year, the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) will support White Ribbon Day by distributing White Ribbons to all FaCSIA staff." Is this the only support that FaCSIA will be providing? If so, why? Will the Government fund White Ribbon Day?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Communities Services and Indigenous Affairs works closely with the White Ribbon Day Foundation and UNIFEM to support White Ribbon Day.

In November 2007, the then Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA), through the Office for Women supported and hosted a White Ribbon Day event in Canberra in conjunction with the White Ribbon Day Foundation and UNIFEM. In addition to the hosted event, White Ribbons were distributed to all FaCSIA staff.

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Question No: 279

Topic: Women's Safety Agenda

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

In the 2005-2006 Budget, \$75.7 million was allocated over four years, to work towards the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault. (Senator Patterson, Minister for Family and Community Services, Media Release 10/05/2005).

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the cost of all programs and services funded under the Women's Safety Agenda since implementation.

Answer:

The Women's Safety Agenda includes the following programs and expenditure (exclusive of GST) for 2005-06 and 2006-07. The programs that are ongoing for 2007-08 are marked with an asterix.

Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative

2005-	2006-
\$1 m	\$1.4

Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault and Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse

2005-	2006-
\$1.17 m	\$1.26 m

Training Projects

2005-06	2006-07
\$0.123 m	\$0.336 m

Research Officer at Australian Institute of Criminology

2005-06	2006-07
\$0.314 m	\$0.161 m

Personal Safety Survey

2005-06	2006-07
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\$2.06 m	\$0.351 m
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Violence Against Women. Australia Says NO campaign

2005-06	2006-07
\$7.9 m	\$9.4 m

Helpline (includes referral payments)

2005-06	2006-07
\$4.2 m	\$2.49 m

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Question No: 280

Topic: Domestic Violence Funding / Women's Safety Agenda

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the cost of all projects and services funded by the Women's Safety Agenda Grants program since implementation.

Answer:

This list of funding made under the Women's Safety Agenda Grants program in 2006-07 is provided in addition to the information contained in the answer to question on notice 272 from the 2006-07 Supplementary Estimates Hearing in November 2006.

Organisation	Funding 2006-07
Barnardos Auburn Children's Family Centre	\$50,400
Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre	\$8,337
Pacific Island Women's Advisory & Support Service	\$79,000
People with Disabilities	\$112,986
University of Newcastle Family Action Centre	\$117,006
Wilma Women's Health Centre	\$106,875
Brisbane Indigenous Media Association	\$108,700
Bwgcorman Future Foundation	\$5,413
Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence	\$63,799
Kyabra Community Association Inc	\$32,500
Sisters Inside	\$169,376
Domestic Violence Crisis Service	\$49,939
Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault	\$10,000
Inner South Community Health Service	\$104,682
Relationships Australia (Vic)	\$18,525
Zonta Club	\$3,850
Incest Survivors Association	\$28,259
Pat Thomas Memorial Community House	\$55,200
Relationships Australia (Tas)	\$153,000
NT Legal Aid Commission	\$11,850
Victims of Crime NT	\$7,750
International Social Services	\$6,500
National Rural Women's Coalition	\$37,250

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Question No: 281

Topic: Domestic Violence Funding / Women's Safety Agenda

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Based on 2006 May-June forward estimates, total expenditure was estimated at \$47.3 million in the 3 years since the 2005-2006 funding announcement. Does the Government intend to spend the remainder of the \$75.7 million allocation by the 2008-09 financial year? If not, why not?

Answer:

Yes. The Government intends to spend the full Women's Safety Agenda allocation of \$75.7m by the end of the 2008-09 financial year.

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Question No: 282

Topic: Southern Edge Training

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

FaCSIA's contract with Southern Edge Training, the organisation contracted to provide services in relation to case management of the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programme, is due to expire on June 30 2007. Has the contract been renegotiated with Southern Edge Training or any alternative service provider? At what stage are contract renegotiations, if any?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has negotiated an extension to the contract with Southern Edge Training, taking it to 31 March 2008.

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Question No: 283

Topic: Southern Edge Training

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Will there be funding for victim support after June 30 2007.

Answer:

The total amount committed to continue, expand and administer the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Programme is \$4.1 million over the next four years, 2007-08 to 2010-2011.

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Question No: 308

Topic: *Violence Against Women. Australia Says NO. campaign*

Hansard Page: CA114 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

For 2006-07 and 2007-08 (the half-year that you have got authority for), can you break down the expenditure into print, TV, radio, that kind of thing? It is okay to provide this information on a calendar year basis.

Answer:

	2006	2007
Television	7,418,283	6,099,040
Print	761,117	809,279
Radio	n/a	581,271
Cinema	635,040	523,260
Outdoor (convenience advertising)	276,300	272,467
Total (GST incl)	9,090,740	8,285,617

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Question No: 309

Topic: National Women's Secretariat Program

Hansard Page: CA117 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

Could you provide the website for each of the four secretariats?

Answer:

Australian Women's Coalition - www.awcaus.org.au

National Rural Women's Coalition - www.nrwc.com.au

Security4Women - www.security4women.com

WomenSpeak Network - www.ywca.org.au/projects/womenspeak

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Question No: 310

Topic: 2006-07 Women's Leadership and Development Programme Grants

Hansard Page: CA122 29/5

Senator Crossin asked:

For 2006-07, could you provide the total amount that will be allocated against the 12 projects funded under the 2006-07 Women's Leadership and Development Programme Grants round?

Answer:

The total amount of funding allocated to the 12 projects funded under the 2006-07 Women's Leadership and Development Programme Grants is \$230,000.

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Question No: 169

Topic: Helpline Calls

Hansard Page: CA118

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you provide any tabulated results on how many men would ring in versus how many women or, of the 23,000 last year, did 20,000 come from Melbourne and Sydney and 3,000 from rural Australia for example? Calls by State/Territory? What is the average length of phone calls to the helpline?

Answer:

It is important to note that the totals within figures below do not add up to the total calls handled. This is because in some cases, the sex of the caller or their location has not been recorded during the call.

Total Calls Handled - 2006	23673
Gender of Caller	
Female	17357
Male	3772
Location of Caller – data only available when offered by caller	
City	1482
Rural	906
Calls by State/Territory	
NSW	5214
VIC	2917
QLD	2834
SA	815
WA	892
TAS	588
ACT	262
NT	337
Average Length of Call	This data is not collected.

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Question No: 175

Topic: NGO Funding

Hansard Page: CA 124

Senator Crossin asked:

Can you update the 2005-2006 funding figure for NGOs funded under the Women's Leadership and Development, the Women's Safety Agenda and support for victims of trafficking.

Answer:

Women's Leadership and Development

NGO's were funded a total of \$1.54 million under the Women's Leadership and Development Program in 2006-07.

Women's Safety Agenda

NGO's were funded a total of \$3.95 million under the Women's Safety Agenda in 2006-07.

Support for Victims of Trafficking Programme

Services to the value of \$0.5 million were delivered by a private sector company, Southern Edge Training.

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Question No: 311

Topic: Women's Leadership & Development Programme

Hansard Page: CA124

Senator Crossin asked:

Could you provide us with a comprehensive breakdown of that \$3.8 million under the WLDP in 2006-07 so that we can track where it is going and what it is meant to do?

Answer:

Young Women's Leadership and Mentoring Pilot Programme	\$330,000
Women's Active Living Kits	\$50,000
Women on Boards Initiative	\$132,000
To Women's National Secretariats	\$620,000
Community Grants	\$805,000
APEC 2007 Women's Events	\$1,080,000
Communications Activities	\$425,000
Research Projects	\$245,000
Contribution to Ministerial Conference on the Status of Women	\$22,000
Pacific Women's Leadership Grants	\$115,000