

Community Affairs Committee

Examination of Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Additional Information Received

CONSOLIDATED VOLUME 3

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

FaHCSIA Outcomes: Cross Outcome and Outcome 1

3 SEPTEMBER 2008

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 2008-2009

Included in this volume are answers to written and oral questions taken on notice and tabled papers relating to the budget estimates hearing on 2 and 3 June 2008

*** Please note that 4 September 2008 is the proposed date for answers to be presented to the President of the Senate where this date is indicated**

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Senator	Quest. No.	Cross outcome	Vol. 3 Page No.	Date tabled in the Senate or presented out of session*
	T2 tabled at hearing	Portfolio appointments		24.06.08
	T3 tabled at hearing	Grants approved by the Minister from within the Minister's portfolio as at 21 April 2008		24.06.08
Humphries	8	Staffing levels		04.09.08
Humphries	9	Staffing		04.09.08
Humphries	10	Salaries		04.09.08
Humphries	11	Contractors and temporary staff		04.09.08
Bernardi	12, 13	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey		04.09.08
Fielding	152	Number of pensioners		04.09.08
Payne	3	Community cabinet		04.09.08
Fierravanti-Wells	4	Programs, initiatives or other undertakings		04.09.08
Fierravanti-Wells	1, 2	Quangos and agencies within the responsibility of the Dept		04.09.08
Fierravanti-Wells	7	Election promises		04.09.08
Humphries	14	Ministerial staff declaration of interests		04.09.08
Outcome 1: Output group 1.1– Whole-of-government coordination of policy development and service delivery for Indigenous Australians				
Boyce	29	Community policing		04.09.08
Adams	31	Community policing		04.09.08
Siewert	37	Community education materials		04.09.08
Heffernan	38-44	Permit system		04.09.08
Siewert	53, 54	NTER		04.09.08
Johnston	57	NTER – summons in the NT		04.09.08
Boyce	60	Audit APY Lands Council		04.09.08
Siewert	113, 114	Petrol sniffing		04.09.08
Siewert	137	NT Youth Alcohol Diversionary Measure		04.09.08
Siewert	58	Community policing		04.09.08
Siewert	15-18	NTER evaluation		04.09.08
Siewert	25-28, 30	Community policing		04.09.08

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Siewert	32-33	Reports on community services and infrastructure in the NT prescribed communities	04.09.08
Siewert	36	Community agents	04.09.08
Heffernan	46	NTER	04.09.08
Heffernan	47	Closing the gap	04.09.08
Adams	49	NTER review	04.09.08
Siewert	51	DoHA evaluation	04.09.08
Siewert	55	NTER	04.09.08
Siewert	138	Youth workers in NT	04.09.08
Siewert	52	Performance indicators	04.09.08
Siewert	19	NTER monitoring	04.09.08
Heffernan	45	NTER	04.09.08
Siewert	56	Evaluation of the review	04.09.08
Adams	266	NTER	04.09.08

Outcome 1: Output group 1.2 – Services for Indigenous Australians

	T7 tabled at hearing	57 communities to receive housing upgrades 16 communities to receive major capital works	24.06.08
	T9 tabled at hearing	YDA – 95 projects	24.06.08
	T21 tabled at hearing	Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP)	24.06.08
	T22 tabled at hearing	EOI Strategic Indigenous Housing & Infrastructure Program	24.06.08
Boyce	139, 140	Community stores	04.09.08
Adams	50	NTER – Community Capability Fund	04.09.08
Siewert	61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 69, 70	Child protection workers	04.09.08
Siewert	72-78	NT Child Abuse Group/Taskforce	04.09.08
Siewert	80-82	Community based child protection strategies	04.09.08
Siewert	95	Internal migration associated with the Northern Territory Emergency Response	04.09.08
Siewert	96	Movement of people	04.09.08
Siewert	97	Internal migration associated with the Northern Territory Emergency Response	04.09.08
Siewert	102-106	CDEP	04.09.08
Siewert	107, 109, 111, 112	Tangentyere safe house	04.09.08
Siewert	117-119	Umoona – municipal services	04.09.08
Adams	122	Indigenous Mothers Accommodation Fund	04.09.08

Siewert	125, 128, 129	Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program	04.09.08
Crossin	132, 133	Wudpuli and Nama	04.09.08
Heffernan	134-135	Alliance contract	04.09.08
Siewert	136	Indigenous family safe houses	04.09.08
Siewert	141	Child protection workers	04.09.08
Siewert	142-143	Child protection	04.09.08
Boyce	193	Store cards	04.09.08
Abetz	253, 255-264	CDEP	04.09.08
Heffernan	284	Indigenous family violence program	04.09.08
Siewert	67	Child protection program	04.09.08
Siewert	99, 100	GBM social worker – support positions	04.09.08
Siewert	123, 124, 127	Strategic Indigenous housing and infrastructure program	04.09.08
Crossin	130, 131	Wudapuli and Nama	04.09.08
Abetz	254	CDEP	04.09.08
Siewert	20, 24	Underage sexual activity	04.09.08
Siewert	23	Sexual education programs	04.09.08
Siewert	34	Community resources	04.09.08
Siewert	98	Movement of people	04.09.08
Boyce	192	Store cards	04.09.08
Abetz	265	CDEP	04.09.08
Adams	285	Infrastructure installed under the NTER	04.09.08
Crossin	126	Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program	04.09.08
Siewert	63	Child protection workers	04.09.08
Siewert	68	Child protection program	04.09.08
Siewert	71	NT Child Abuse Group/Taskforce	04.09.08
Siewert	79	Community based child protection strategies	04.09.08
Heffernan	101	CDEP	04.09.08
Siewert	108, 110	Tangentyere Safe Families project	04.09.08
Siewert	115, 116	Umoona – municipal services	04.09.08
Siewert	35	Staff	04.09.08

Outcome 1: Output group 1.3 – Incorporation, regulation and capacity building of Indigenous corporations

Johnston	144, 145	Special administration of the Waminda Aboriginal Corporation	04.09.08
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T2 Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs **PORTFOLIO APPOINTMENTS**

Information as at 27 May 2008

Table 1: Appointments

Body	Appointed By	Position	Term of Appointment
Torres Strait Regional Authority	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Acting General Manager Mr Brendan O'Connor	7-11 January 2008
Northern Territory Emergency Response Taskforce	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Member Mr Mike Burgess Member Mr Terry Moran	1 February 2008 – 3 March 2008 -
Homelessness Steering Group	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chair Mr Tony Nicholson Members Ms Heather Nancarrow Ms Anna Buduls	4 March 2008 until delivery of White Paper due in September 2008
Executive Director of Township	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP,	Acting Executive Director	22 March – 14 June 2008

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Body	Appointed By	Position	Term of Appointment
Leasing	Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Mr Pat Watson	
Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Board Limited	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chairperson Mr Rod Fehring Director Professor Jan Carter	1 April 2008 - 19 March 2008 until the 2011 AHURI AGM
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Acting Member Dr Peter Wilkins	1 April – 30 June 2008
Disability Investment Group (Taskforce into Removing Barriers to Greater Private Investment in Disability)	The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services	Chair Mr Ian Silk Members Mr Bruce Bonhady Professor Allan Fels Mr Bill Moss Ms Mary Ann O'Loughlin Ms Kathy Townsend Mr John Walsh	25 March 2008 -

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Body	Appointed By	Position	Term of Appointment
Indigenous Community Volunteers Limited Board	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Directors Mr Joseph Elu AO Mr Bill Armstrong Mr Bernard Valadian	2 April 2008- AGM 2010
National Housing Supply Council	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chair Dr Owen Donald Members Mr Brendan Crotty Mr Saul Eslake Ms Sue Holliday Mr Christopher Lamont Mr Marcus Spiller Ms Marion Thompson Mr Stuart Wilson Dr Judith Yates	23 April 2008- 30 June 2011 2 May 2008 – 30 June 2010

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National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chair Ms Libby Lloyd AM Deputy Chair Ms Heather Nancarrow Members Ms Lisa Wilkinson Ms Pauline Woodbridge Ms Vanessa Swan Ms Dorinda Cox Mr Andrew O’Keefe Ms Melanie Heenan Associate Professor Moira Carmody Ms Maria Dimopoulos Ms Rachel Kayrooz	25 May 2008 – 24 May 2009
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Governor-General	Executive Director Mr Leslie Blacklow Directors Mr James Walsh Ms Miriam Holmes Member Ms Katalin Agh Member Dr Lynne Cretan	1 April 08 – 30 June 2010 1 April 08 – 31 Dec 2009 1 April 08 – 31 Dec 2008 20 Mar 08 – 31 Dec 2010

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T3 The following table provides the details of the grants approved by the Minister from within the Minister's portfolio as at 21 April 2008.

Program Name	Date of Approval	Organisation Funded	Location	Total Funding 3 Years (GST Excl)
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Families in Focus (Baptist Community Services, Centacare Sydney, Anglicare Sydney)	Bankstown NSW	\$900,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Relationships Australia NSW	Bathurst NSW	\$840,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Relationships Australia NSW	Brookvale NSW	\$720,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Coffs Harbour Family & Relationship Services (Interrelate Family Centres, Family Action Centre University of Newcastle and Community Programs Inc)	Coffs Harbour NSW	\$720,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	UnitingCare Burnside	Dubbo NSW	\$1,020,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Gosford Integrated Family Services (Interrelate Family Centres, Family Action Centre University of Newcastle, Centacare Broken Bay and Baptist Community Services)	Gosford NSW	\$1,020,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Families in Focus (Anglicare Sydney, Centacare Sydney, Baptist Community Services)	Parramatta NSW	\$840,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Families in Focus (Centacare Sydney, Baptist Community Services and Anglicare Sydney)	Sydney City NSW	\$960,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	New England North West Family Relationship Centre Consortium (Centacare New England Northwest, Anglican Counselling Services and Tamworth Family Support Services Inc)	Tamworth NSW	\$840,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Centacare Newcastle-Manning Support Service Inc (Centacare Newcastle and Manning Support Services Incorporated)	Taree NSW	\$780,000

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Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	United Family Care - Lifeline, Centacare and the Indigenous Wellbeing Centre (Lifeline Community Care Queensland (LCCQ), Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Rockhampton and The Bundaberg and Burnett Region Community Development Aboriginal Corporation)	Bundaberg QLD	\$900,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Relationships Australia QLD	Mackay QLD	\$900,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Kinections, Spiritus (The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane, trading as Spiritus Kinections)	North Brisbane QLD	\$1,170,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Centacare & Lifeline - Combined Family Services (Corporation of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba and Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland Limited)	Toowoomba QLD	\$600,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Lutheran Community Care, Lutheran Church of Australia SA/NT District Inc	Adelaide SA	\$720,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Broadmeadows/Chadstone Family Works (FMC Relationship Services and Life Works Relationship Counselling and Education Services)	Chadstone VIC	\$780,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Melbourne Family Relationship Consortium (Drummond Street Relationship Centre, GordonCare for Children and Family Life)	Melbourne City VIC	\$300,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Shepparton FRC & EIS Consortium (CentaCare Sandhurst and Goulburn Valley Familycare)	Shepparton VIC	\$720,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Warrnambool Early Intervention Services Consortium (Centacare and Brophy Family and Youth Services)	Warrnambool VIC	\$750,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	South West Integrated Services Consortium (Relationships Australia (WA), South West Counselling and The Greater Bunbury Division of General Practice)	Bunbury WA	\$840,000
Family Relationship Services	4-Jan-08	Perth Relationship Services Consortium (Relationships Australia (WA), Uniting Care West, Multicultural Services Centre of WA and Perth Division of General Practice)	Perth City WA	\$810,000

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Program Name	Date of Approval	Organisation Funded	Location	Total Funding 2 Years
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Challenge Disability Services	New England NSW	\$496,000
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	New Horizons Enterprises Ltd	Central Coast NSW	\$342,700
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	House With No Steps	Central Coast NSW	\$494,833
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	New Horizons Enterprises Ltd	Northern Sydney NSW	\$453,173
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre	Northern Sydney NSW	\$922,500
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Catholic Healthcare	Northern Sydney NSW	\$524,395
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	The Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home	Northern Sydney NSW	\$487,249
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Catholic Healthcare	Cumberland / Prospect NSW	\$359,566
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Baulkham Hills Shire Council	Cumberland / Prospect NSW	\$775,000
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Catholic Healthcare	Riverina / Murray NSW	\$322,267
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Catholic Healthcare	Southern Highlands NSW	\$392,198
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	WorkAbility Personnel Inc	Southern Highlands NSW	\$200,000
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	House With No Steps	Orana / Far West NSW	\$494,833
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	House With No Steps	Illawarra NSW	\$494,833
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	House With No Steps	Far North Coast NSW	\$494,833
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	House With No Steps	Central West NSW	\$494,833
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Frontier Services	Pilbara WA	\$1,590,294

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Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Frontier Services	Kimberley WA	\$468,219
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Life without Barriers	East Metro WA	\$499,934
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Intework	East Metro WA	\$481,065
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Workpower Incorporated	East Metro WA	\$425,000
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Intework	North Metro WA	\$481,065
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Intework	South East Metro WA	\$481,065
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Workpower Incorporated	South East Metro WA	\$425,000
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Schizophrenia Fellowship Albany & District Inc	Great Southern WA	\$441,706
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Suncare Community Services Inc	Central, QLD	\$496,000
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	St Michaels Association Inc	Northern, TAS	\$423,979
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Life Without Barriers	South East Country, SA	\$499,934
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	Bendigo Health Care Group	Loddon / Mallee, VIC	\$470,168
Additional Respite Care	21-Apr-08	St Luke's Anglicare	Loddon / Mallee, VIC	\$499,910
Program Name	Date of Approval	Organisation Funded	Location	2008-09 Funding (GST Excl)
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	Anglicare Tasmania Inc.	Hobart TAS	\$828,136
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	Kilmany Uniting Care -The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Victoria)	Melbourne VIC	\$751,168
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	Mission Australia	Sydney NSW	\$877,501
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	Smith Family	Sydney NSW	\$1,081,823
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	UnitingCare Wesley	Port Adelaide SA	\$1,018,565
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	YWCA of NSW	Sydney NSW	\$413,333

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Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	YWCA of NSW	Sydney NSW	\$855,200
Program Name	Date of Approval	Organisation Funded	Location	Total Funding 3 Years (GST Excl)
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	YWCA of NSW	Sydney NSW	\$1,620,000
Communities for Children	18-Apr-08	Community Health Education Groups (CHEGS) Incorporated	Lismore NSW	\$600,000
Program Name	Date of Approval	Organisation Funded	Location	2008-09 Funding (GST Excl)
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Adelaide Central Community Health Service	Prospect East SA	\$156,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Australian Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Program Inc.	Elizabeth Grove SA	\$150,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Blacktown Alcohol And Other Drugs Family Services Incorporated	Blacktown NSW	\$250,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Centacare NT	Berrimah NT	\$177,001
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Drug Arm Australasia	Brisbane QLD	\$170,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Early Support for Parents Inc.	Hobart TAS	\$180,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Fadiss Limited	Leura NSW	\$150,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Glastonbury Child And Family Services	Geelong VIC	\$143,520
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Grace Fellowship	Kingsley WA	\$80,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Holyoake Australian Institute For Alcohol & Drug Addiction Resolutions	Perth WA	\$92,102
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Kurbingui Youth Development Association	Zillmere QLD	\$130,229
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Odyssey House Victoria	Richmond VIC	\$250,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Odyssey House Victoria	Richmond VIC	\$360,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Open Family Australia Incorporated	South Melbourne VIC	\$70,000
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Pro-Fam Australia Counselling Services Incorporated	Clayton VIC	\$215,000

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National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Queensland Injectors Health Network Ltd	Fortitude Valley QLD	\$91,529
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	The Benevolent Society	Paddington NSW	\$118,346
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Women's Health Services	Northbridge WA	\$110,009
National Illicit Drug Strategy	18-Apr-08	Youth Coalition Of The ACT	O'Connor ACT	\$80,000
Program Name	Date of Approval	Organisation Funded	Location	Estimated Funding 2 Years (GST Excl)
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Canberra & Goulburn	Watson ACT	\$336,029
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Relationships Australia (Canberra & Region)	Deakin ACT	\$334,247
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Catholic Diocese of Bathurst	Bathurst NSW	\$322,140
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga NSW	\$338,810
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Catholic Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes	Forbes NSW	\$328,645
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Interrelate NSW	Baulkham Hills NSW	\$392,427

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Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Brisbane	Fortitude Valley QLD	\$328,406
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Central QLD-Rockhampton	Rockhampton QLD	\$315,146
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Toowoomba	Toowoomba QLD	\$462,137
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centrelink	Townsville QLD	\$283,333
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare catholic Diocese of Port Pirie Incorporated	Whyalla SA	\$336,433
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Relationships Australia (SA) Inc	Adelaide SA	\$354,167
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Anglican Community Care	Murray Bridge SA	\$283,333
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Inc	Ballarat VIC	\$397,747

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Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Diocese of Sandhurst	Bendigo VIC	\$354,167
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Diocese of Sandhurst	Bendigo VIC	\$330,339
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Melbourne	East Melbourne VIC	\$326,995
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Relationships Australia (VIC)	Hawthorn East VIC	\$354,167
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Relationships Australia (VIC)	Hawthorn East VIC	\$321,953
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Community Connections	Warrnambool VIC	\$425,000
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centacare Family Services Geraldton	Geraldton WA	\$264,852
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Centrecare Goldfields-Esperance	Kalgoorlie WA	\$276,814

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Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Relationships Australia (WA)	West Leederville WA	\$272,867
Family Support Drought Response Teams Initiative	18-Apr-08	Relationships Australia Tasmania	New Town TAS	\$283,333

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 008

Topic: Staffing Levels

Hansard Page: CA4 2/6

Senator Humphries asked:

How many SES staff were in the Department in November 2007?

Answer:

As at 30 November 2007, there were 124 staff at the SES classification. This included 20 Executive Level 2 staff who were performing higher duties at the SES level at that time.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 009

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Page: CA4 2/6

Senator Humphries asked:

Can you provide a full reconciliation of how the reduction of 260 positions in the 08-09 financial year are calculated?

Answer:

The Average Staffing Level (ASL) reduction of 260 relates to the difference between the latest estimated actual 2007-08 ASL and the estimated 2008-09 ASL (in the 2008-09 Portfolio Budget Statements). The reduction is predominantly due to the machinery of government changes which resulted in a net loss of 234 ASL to other Departments. There is also a reduction of 101 ASL due to previous Budget measures winding down or terminating, and an estimated reduction of 37 ASL due to the anticipated effect of the efficiency dividend. An increase of 112 ASL relating to new Budget measures partially offsets these reductions giving the net reduction of 260 ASL in 2008-09.

In summary:

	ASL Change
Machinery of Government Changes	– 234
Winding Down/Terminating Previous Budget measures	– 101
Estimated effect of Efficiency Dividend	– 37
New Budget Measures	+ 112
TOTAL	– 260

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 010

Topic: Salaries

Hansard Page: CA7 2/6

Senator Humphries asked:

What are the base and top-level salaries of APS levels 1-6?

Answer:

As per the Department of Family and Community Services Certified Agreement 2005 to 2008, the base and top-level salaries for each of the APS classification levels 1 to 6 are:

Classification	Salary Range
APS Level 1	\$33,686 – \$37,371
APS Level 2	\$39,213 - \$42,904
APS Level 3	\$44,550 - \$48,379
APS Level 4	\$50,294 - \$54,127
APS Level 5	\$56,774 - \$58,947
APS Level 6	\$61,121 - \$67,964

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 011

Topic: Contractors and Temporary staff

Hansard Page: CA7 2/6

Senator Humphries asked:

Can you provide the figures that FaHCSIA spent on contractors and temporary staff for the 2007-08 and what is the budget for the 2008-09 financial year?

Answer:

From 1 July 2007 to 31 May 2008, FaHCSIA spent \$33.1 million on contracted staff. A further \$26.2 million was spent on temporary or non-ongoing staff.

There is no budgeted figure available for contracted and temporary staff for the 2008-09 financial year.

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Question No: 012

Topic: Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey

Hansard Page: CA108 2/6

Senator Bernardi asked:

What are the average processing dates for the Melbourne Institute?

Answer:

The average time taken to process applications for detailed HILDA datasets is between one and two weeks.

Applicants send their application forms and deeds to FaHCSIA where they are recorded and, if in line with FaHCSIA's mission, permission is granted for access to the data. If there is no additional information required regarding the application this is done within one to two days.

If the application is for an individual licence, it is then sent by Express Post to the Melbourne Institute from where the data and invoice is sent out. This is also turned around in one or two days.

Second and subsequent applications for a dataset under organisational licensing arrangements do not require any action by the Melbourne Institute. The data manager at the organisation is sent an e-mail that permission has been granted for the applicant to receive the data and the data manager supplies them with a copy.

The HILDA datasets contain over 10,000 variables for each of around 20,000 persons for (currently) 6 years and are used by sophisticated data analysts such as research organisations and universities. Data users require high level analytical skills and specialised analysis software to convert the data into meaningful information.

To provide general access to the HILDA Survey, an annual Statistical Report is produced. This provides analyses and summary data tables covering a diverse range of topics using HILDA data. The reports are released publicly (free of charge) and are available on the HILDA website (www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda).

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Question No: 013

Topic: Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey

Hansard Page: CA108 2/6

Senator Bernardi asked:

Who grants access to the data of these surveys on the internet?

Answer:

Permission for access to the detailed HILDA datasets is granted by the Longitudinal Surveys Business Owner who is the Branch Head of Research and Analysis Branch in the Social Policy Group of the Department of Housing, Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Access to the HILDA data is not provided via the internet. Copies of the data are sent to applicants in CD ROM or DVD format by the Melbourne Institute. Organisations who have signed an Organisational License may provide the data to their users via a secure server within the organisation.

The Melbourne Institute and Organisations may not provide copies of the data to any users who have not been granted permission by the Business Owner. Applications for the HILDA data are available on the HILDA website (www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda). These applications are completed, signed and posted to the Longitudinal Surveys Business Owner in hard copy format.

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Question No: 152

Topic: Number of pensioners

Hansard Page: CA 13 2/6

Senator Fielding asked:

How many people are on a pension?

Answer:

At June 2008, the number of people receiving a Social Security Pension or a Veterans' Affairs Service Pension was 3.5 million. This includes people receiving Age Pension, Bereavement Allowance, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single), Widow B Pension, Wife Pension (Age), Wife Pension (Disability Support Pension) and Service Pension.

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Question No: 003

Topic: Community Cabinet

Hansard Page: CA12 2/6

Senator Payne asked:

Who vets the initial application process for Community Cabinet meetings?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) advises that members of the public are invited to attend Community Cabinet meetings, and to request one-on-one meetings with ministers, through a centralised registration process maintained by PM&C's Community Cabinet Secretariat (CCS). The contact points are a 1800 number and a webpage – www.pmc.gov.au/community_cabinet/meeting.cfm. At the completion of the registration process, CCS advises ministers of the individuals wishing to have one-on-one meetings with them and is subsequently advised of ministers' decisions.

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Question No: 004

Topic: Programs, initiatives or other undertakings

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to each agency within the Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

- What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be maintained under the Rudd Government?
- What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be reversed under the Rudd Government?
- What new programs, initiatives or other undertakings will be allocated to these seats under the Budget?

Answer:

The Government has made various decisions, including in the Budget context, about the establishment of new programs and initiatives, and changes and terminations to existing programs and initiatives. These are detailed in Portfolio Budget Statements, including for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. There are no programs in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio that are implemented or allocated differentially on the basis of Federal electorates.

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Question No: 001

Topic: Quangos and agencies within the responsibility of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ferravanti Wells asked:

What appointments have been made to boards, advisory committees, or any other quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations (quangos) within the following departments and agencies within the responsibility of these departments since 24 November 2008

Answer:

Two previous answers refer to this question:

- (1) An answer to Senator Humphries provided on the Hearing day (refer to Committee Hansard transcript pages CA9 and CA62).
- (2) Written answer to Question on Notice 002 (Budget Estimates 2008).

Both the above are attached, A and B.

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PORTFOLIO APPOINTMENTS

Information as at 27 May 2008

Table 1: Appointments

Body	Appointed By	Position	Term of Appointment
Torres Strait Regional Authority	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Acting General Manager Mr Brendan O'Connor	7-11 January 2008
Northern Territory Emergency Response Taskforce	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Member Mr Mike Burgess Member Mr Terry Moran	1 February 2008 – 3 March 2008 -
Homelessness Steering Group	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chair Mr Tony Nicholson Members Ms Heather Nancarrow Ms Anna Buduls	4 March 2008 until delivery of White Paper due in September 2008
Executive Director of Township Leasing	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Acting Executive Director Mr Pat Watson	22 March – 14 June 2008
Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Board Limited	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chairperson Mr Rod Fehring Director Professor Jan Carter	1 April 2008 - 19 March 2008 until the 2011 AHURI AGM

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Body	Appointed By	Position	Term of Appointment
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Acting Member Dr Peter Wilkins	1 April – 30 June 2008
Disability Investment Group (Taskforce into Removing Barriers to Greater Private Investment in Disability)	The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services	Chair Mr Ian Silk Members Mr Bruce Bonhady Professor Allan Fels Mr Bill Moss Ms Mary Ann O'Loughlin Ms Kathy Townsend Mr John Walsh	25 March 2008 -
Indigenous Community Volunteers Limited Board	The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Directors Mr Joseph Elu AO Mr Bill Armstrong Mr Bernard Valadian	2 April 2008- AGM 2010
National Housing Supply Council	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chair Dr Owen Donald Members Mr Brendan Crotty Mr Saul Eslake Ms Sue Holliday Mr Christopher Lamont Mr Marcus Spiller Ms Marion Thompson Mr Stuart Wilson Dr Judith Yates	23 April 2008- 30 June 2011 2 May 2008 – 30 June 2010

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Body	Appointed By	Position	Term of Appointment
National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women	Chair Ms Libby Lloyd AM Deputy Chair Ms Heather Nancarrow Members Ms Lisa Wilkinson Ms Pauline Woodbridge Ms Vanessa Swan Ms Dorinda Cox Mr Andrew O'Keefe Ms Melanie Heenan Associate Professor Moira Carmody Ms Maria Dimopoulos Ms Rachel Kayrooz	25 May 2008 – 24 May 2009
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Governor-General	Executive Director Mr Leslie Blacklow Directors Mr James Walsh Ms Miriam Holmes Member Ms Katalin Agh Member Dr Lynne Cretan	1 April 08 – 30 June 2010 1 April 08 – 31 Dec 2009 1 April 08 – 31 Dec 2008 20 Mar 08 – 31 Dec 2010

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 002

Topic: Quangos and agencies within the responsibility of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ferravanti Wells asked:

Please list all quangos within the following departments and agencies within the responsibility of these departments.

Answer:

The following agencies are contained within the portfolio.

- Aboriginal Hostels Limited
- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Central Land Council
- Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Indigenous Land Corporation
- Northern Land Council
- Social Security Appeals Tribunal
- Tiwi Land Council
- Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

The following statutory positions are contained within the portfolio.

- Executive Director of Township Leasing
- Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

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Question No: 002

Topic: Quangos and agencies within the responsibility of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ferravanti Wells asked:

Please list all quangos within the following departments and agencies within the responsibility of these departments.

Answer:

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Question No: 007

Topic: Election promises

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please advise whether the list of items under the policy heading on the ALP website <http://www.alp.org.au/> constitutes the total sum election "promises" made by the Rudd Government within the Portfolio.

If not, please provide a comprehensive list which includes all promises referred to on the ALP website as well as those that were made but are not contained on the ALP website?

Answer:

As indicated in previous answers on this issue (answer to Questions on Notice 153 to 188 of 12 February 2008), the election commitments made by Federal Labor are on the public record. Those measures implementing commitments that are funded through Budget appropriations to the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio are detailed in Departments' Portfolio Budget Statements.

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Question No: 014

Topic: Ministerial Staff Declaration of Interests

Hansard Page: CA84 3/6

Senator Humphries asked

Could you please provide a copy of the rules governing declaration of interests by staff members?

Answer:

The rules governing the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct (at Attachment A) were tabled on 26 June 2008. These rules are publicly available and can be found at the following website http://www.smos.gov.au/media/code_of_conduct.html

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Attachment A

SENATOR THE HON JOHN FAULKNER

Special Minister of State

Code of Conduct for Ministerial Staff

The importance of the role of Ministerial staff in providing advice and assistance to Ministers in the performance of their functions is well recognised and accepted. Their closeness to the most significant decisions of government is a privilege that carries with it an obligation to act at all times with integrity and awareness of the expectation of the Australian community that the highest standards of conduct will be observed.

The Code of Conduct for Ministerial Staff sets out the standards that Ministerial staff are expected to meet in the performance of their duties.

Ministerial staff employed under Part II and Part III of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act), and Ministers' electorate officers employed under Part IV of the MOP(S) Act must:

Behave honestly and with integrity in the course of their employment.

Act with care and diligence in the performance of their duties.

Disclose, and take reasonable steps to avoid, any conflict of interests (real or apparent) in connection with their employment, noting that staff are required to provide their employer with a statement of private interests.

Divest themselves, or relinquish control, of interests in any private company or business and/or direct interest in any public company involved in the area of their Ministers' portfolio responsibilities.

Staff must declare to their employing Minister in writing, within a reasonable time, all hospitality, gifts and sponsored travel received in association with their employment.

Have no involvement in outside employment or in the daily work of any business, or retain a directorship of a company, without the written agreement of their Minister.

Treat with respect and courtesy all those with whom they have contact in the course of their employment.

Make themselves aware of the Values and Code of Conduct which bind Australian Public Service (APS) and Parliamentary Service employees.

When travelling overseas on official business, behave in a manner consistent with the APS Values and Code of Conduct, to the extent they apply to officials on duty overseas.

Not knowingly or intentionally encourage or induce a public official by their decisions, directions or conduct to breach the law or parliamentary obligations or fail to comply with an applicable code of ethical conduct.

Acknowledge that ministerial staff do not have the power to direct APS employees in their own right and that APS employees are not subject to their direction.

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Recognise that executive decisions are the preserve of Ministers and public servants and not ministerial staff acting in their own right.

Facilitate direct and effective communication between their Minister's department and their Minister.

Use Commonwealth resources for the effective conduct of public business in a proper manner. Commonwealth resources are not to be subject to wasteful or extravagant use, and due economy is to be observed at all times. Ministerial staff must be scrupulous in ensuring the legitimacy and accuracy of any claim for entitlements.

Maintain appropriate confidentiality about their dealings with their Minister, other Ministers, other Ministerial staff, and APS and Parliamentary Service employees.

Not knowingly or intentionally provide false or misleading information in response to a request for information that is made for official purposes in connection with their employment.

Not make improper use of their position or access to information to gain or seek to gain a benefit or advantage for themselves or any other person.

Comply with any authorised and reasonable direction received in the course of their employment.

Comply with all applicable Australian laws.

Comply with all applicable codes of conduct, including the Lobbying Code of Conduct.

Familiarise themselves with this code of conduct upon the commencement of their employment.

NOTES:

References to Ministers and Ministerial staff include Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff

Electorate officers for Ministers are covered by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct in recognition of the role they play assisting Ministers to perform their duties

For the purposes of this Code, "Australian laws" means any Act, including the MOP(S) Act, or any instrument made under an Act, or any law of a State or Territory, including any instrument made under such a law

Implementation of this Code is the responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office and the Government Staffing Committee

Any sanctions imposed under this Code will be determined after consultation with the relevant Minister by the Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister, acting on advice from the Government Staffing Committee

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Question No: 029

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: CA69 3/6

Senator Boyce asked:

How many communities have a 1/2 hour police response available to them at present?

Answer:

Forty communities are located 1/2 hour or less from a police station:

- 18 communities have a THEMIS station;
- 15 communities have a permanent police presence which was in place prior to the commencement of the Northern Territory Emergency Response; and
- 7 communities are located 1/2 hour or less to a police station

Please note: The numbers represented above are related to the distance between a community and the closest police station. Actual response times are dependent on the urgency of the situation, police resources and availability (police may be responding to a situation in a different community), police transportation (car, boat or plane) and accessibility to the community (dependant on weather conditions).

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Question No: 031

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: CA73 3/6

Senator Adams asked:

How many sex offenders have been detained under the Northern Territory intervention?

Answer:

See response to Question No.30.

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Question No: 037

Topic: Community Education Materials

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I've been told of a handbook entitled the "NT emergency response – How it affects you" (= ring binder, cardboard inserts ... concerns language, caricature images and lack of detail)...

How much did this cost? How many were printed? Who do you expect is going to use it?

Answer:

The flipchart titled 'NT Emergency Response – how it affects you' is a communication tool primarily used by Government Business Managers. The flipchart was also provided to Indigenous Coordination Centres, community councils and Government agencies providing services to communities in the Northern Territory.

Three hundred copies of the final flipchart were printed and distributed at a total cost of \$38,326.

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Question No: 038

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

How much revenue did the Aboriginal Land Councils in the Northern Territory (the Central Land Council and Northern Land Council) receive from the issuance of permits in 2007? What happens to the money received from permit fees?

Answer:

The Department understands on the basis of information provided by the Land Councils that permits are generally issued free of charge.

However, there are various situations in which payment is charged for entry to and use of land which is Aboriginal land under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Aboriginal Land Rights Act). In general, under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, Land Trusts may agree to allow people to enter their land in return for a payment.

Where a Land Council receives a payment in respect of Aboriginal land, the Land Council must pay the payment to or for the benefit of the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land.

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Question No: 039

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

It seems to be the Department and some land councils' view that permits are an important part of these communities' rights to land. I presume this is because the permits reflect Aboriginal people's 'right to exclude' people on their land?

Why do these communities need permits to 'uphold their right to exclude' when they could simply rely on the common law concept of trespass?

Answer:

The Government believes that, like other Australians, Indigenous people should be able to decide who can enter their land. Private property is a core principle of Australian society. It is important that this is respected in relation to Indigenous land. There are concerns that privacy is compromised by the lifting of the permit system. Concerns include possible damage to sacred sites or burial places and interruption of ceremonies.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs examined the permit system in 1999 in *Unlocking the Future: The Report of the Inquiry into the Reeves Review of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. The Committee rejected the recommendation of the Reeves Report to replace the permit system with trespass law. The Committee was told that the permit system gave Aboriginal people the same rights that all non Aboriginal people have to control who goes in and out of their private land. The lack of resources in Aboriginal communities and the extensive nature of Aboriginal land mean that trespass law is inadequate to provide Aboriginal people with these rights.

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Question No: 040

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

This is what holders of Aboriginal freehold in Cape York Peninsula and elsewhere are doing. So, apart from the money from royalties that Land Council's get what is the point of permits? What is the point of permits, if Aboriginal people could exclude people through a common law action?

Answer:

See answer to Question 39.

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Question No: 041

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

In communities that run on a political economy (communities that are governed by political power alone), how does the requirement for a permit, increase transparency and accountability in these communities?

Answer:

Northern Territory police have stated that the permit system is a useful tool in policing remote communities. The permit system allows the removal of undesirable people by the police, in the interests of other community members, especially women and children.

In a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on 9 August 2007 the Police Federation of Australia said:

“Operational police on the ground in the Northern Territory believe that the permit system is a useful tool in policing the communities, particularly in policing alcohol and drug-related crime. It would be most unfortunate if by opening up the permit system in the larger public townships and the connecting road corridors as the [previous] Government intends, law enforcement efforts to address the ‘rivers of grog’, the distribution of pornography, and the drug running and petrol sniffing were made more difficult.”

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Question No: 042

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

It seems to me that if an organisation or individual has a monopoly on who is coming or going from a community, then they have an extraordinary amount of power. Now, if permits are abolished these people or organisations stand to lose that power.

So, aren't these complaints about the abolition of the permit system, really the result of concerns:

- from powerful people that they will lose their power base; and
- from land councils that they will lose a substantial part of their revenue?

Answer:

Rather than restricting access the permit system ensures that persons with a legitimate interest may enter Aboriginal land. Information provided by the Land Councils indicates that requests for permits are rarely refused. The 2006-2007 Annual Reports of the Land Councils reveal that 28,608 permits were issued by Land Councils or Land Council delegates as follows:

Northern Land Council	20,000
Central Land Council	3,500
Tiwi Land Council	4,235
Anindilyakwa Land Council	873

Traditional Aboriginal owners, usually with the assistance of community councils, can also issue permits. In a 30 April 2008 Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Committee the Northern Land Council (NLC) estimated that in the NLC's region, the total number of permits issued by the NLC and traditional owners is up to 30,000.

See answer to question 38 in relation to payments for entry to and use of Aboriginal land.

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Question No: 043

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

How does the Department think that this requirement for a permit promotes investment in Indigenous communities? How will this requirement promote tourism? How will it promote the development of a real economy?

Answer:

See answer to question 38 in relation to payments for entry to and use of Aboriginal land. Paying for access to Aboriginal land is used as an economic development tool. For example those wishing to access Aboriginal land for economic benefit (e.g. tourism operators) and for recreation purposes (e.g. Dhimmuru Land Management in North East Arnhem Land or tourist permits for the Tiwi Islands) can be charged a fee.

The permit system is not a barrier to economic development. The permit system has not prevented mineral exploration and mining on Aboriginal land. The majority of mines in the Northern Territory are on Aboriginal land. Nor is the Department aware of any evidence that the permit system has adversely affected other economic enterprises such as in tourism and arts and crafts.

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Question No: 044

Topic: Permit System

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

It has been argued that the permit system gives Indigenous people leverage in negotiating third party access to Aboriginal land for miners, pastoralists and developers.

Does the Department believe that the permit system (as opposed to statutory rights under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act) gives Indigenous people real leverage in negotiations with third parties? Couldn't Indigenous people rely on their statutory rights for leverage in third party negotiations?

Answer:

The Aboriginal Land Rights Act allows for the leasing of Aboriginal land to allow economic development to occur. The permit system allows for regulated access by third parties for negotiations for the leasing of Aboriginal land and for regulated access prior to formal execution of leases.

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Question No: 053

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: CA74 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Out of the \$11million that has been spent on supporting families how much of that has gone to safe houses?

Answer:

A total of \$12.3m has been provided to the Northern Territory Government under the Family Support Package. Of this \$12.3m, \$11.83m has been spent on the construction and operation of Safe Houses.

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Question No: 054

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: CA74

Senator Siewert asked:

Out of the \$42 million that has been spent on housing and land reform how much of that has gone to survey work?

Answer:

In the 2007/08 financial year, \$3.1 million was spent on the Cadastral Boundary Survey Project.

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Question No: 057

Topic: NTER – Summons in the NT

Hansard Page: CA 77 2/6

Senator Johnston asked:

From January 2006 to March 2008 there were 226 summonses issued. Of that 226 how many attended court?

Answer:

Northern Territory police now advise that between January 2006 and March 2008 there were **257** summonses issued and not **226** as advised to the Budget Estimates Committee on 3 June 2008. The 31 summonses not included in the original figure were issued in relation to the police stations at Warburton and Warakurna.

Because the Northern Territory Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk is a tri-State operation, each summons was issued by either the Northern Territory police, the South Australia police or the Western Australia police. The three police forces advise that due to resource constraints it is not possible to provide details in relation to all of the 257 summonses issued. However, some figures have been able to be produced.

The Northern Territory police have provided figures in relation to 47 summonses issued in relation to a variety of matters including drug offences. The 47 summonses led to 45 people attending court and two people failing to attend court on charges in relation to the possession of cannabis. Arrest warrants were issued for each person who failed to attend court.

The South Australia police advise that 23 summonses were issued for a variety of offences including drug offences. Ten people attended court, seven failed to appear at court, four summonses were not served and two matters were withdrawn. Fresh summonses were issued against five persons (includes summons not served, summons not returned and non appearance of defendant). One arrest warrant was issued.

Western Australia police advise that due to resource constraints, it is not possible to provide details as to how many individuals failed to attend court and noted that Section 55 of the *Criminal Procedures Act 2004* allows them to proceed with the matter in the absence of the accused in Court.

In relation to the general issue of arresting people, rather than issuing summonses, the Northern Territory police note the application of Police General Order A7 which states:

The arrest of a person should be an action of last resort and Police should arrest offenders only:

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- To prevent the continuation or repetition of an offence;
- To prevent the risk of further offences causing a serious danger to the public;
- If it is unlikely a summons will ensure the offender's appearance in Court;
- If the charge is of a serious nature; or
- If the person is intoxicated to the extent that they would not understand the consequences of their actions or the process of being summoned.

When arresting people police are also mindful of the Recommendations of the *Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (Recommendation 87)* which states that all Police Services should adopt and apply the principle of arrest being the sanction of last resort in dealing with offenders.

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Question No: 060

Topic: Audit APY Lands Council

Hansard Page: CA89 3/6

Senator Boyce asked:

Has the department been approach to assist with the audit of the APY Lands Council?

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 113

Topic: Petrol Sniffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In answers to Questions on Notice in Additional Estimates, the Department indicated that under the 8 Point Petrol Sniffing Strategy, full time youth workers were in place in 4 communities – Impanpa, Finke, Docker River, and Mutitjulu – with none in the Central Australian Expanded Zone and that any changes to this position would be a matter for further budget consideration.

Does the budget provide for any more youth workers or diversionary programs?

Answer:

\$9.5 million was announced in the 2008-09 Budget for Youth Alcohol Diversion Activities. From this allocation, \$6.7 million will be used to fund infrastructure and youth programs in the Central Australian Expanded Zone.

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Question No: 114

Topic: Petrol Sniffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What funding is provided for 2008-09 to resource diversionary and support programs for the extended 8 point plan?

Answer:

As part of the 2006 Petrol Sniffing Strategy Budget Measure \$1.52 million has been appropriated to the Department for the continued funding of the Integrated Youth Service Project in the communities of Docker River, Imanpa, Finke and Mutitjulu in 2008/09.

\$9.5 million was announced in the 2008-09 Budget for Youth Alcohol Diversion Activities. From this allocation, \$6.7 million will be used to fund infrastructure and youth programs in the Central Australian Expanded Zone.

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Question No: 137

Topic: NT Youth Alcohol Diversionary Measure

Hansard Page: CA45 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

With the additional funding, will there be full-time workers in these communities?

Answer:

Detailed planning for the implementation of the Northern Territory Youth Alcohol Diversionary Measure in the Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Expanded Zone is currently underway. Decisions on whether to place full time youth workers in communities in this zone will be made in consultation with communities and with other youth service providers in the region.

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Question No: 058

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: CA81 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

How many female officers are there in the Northern Territory?

Answer:

As at 13 June 2008 there were thirteen female police officers deployed to the 18 THEMIS stations. The Northern Territory Police will have other female officers across the Territory.

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Question No: 015

Topic: NTER evaluation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I note that DoHA have recently advertised for Requests for Tender for evaluation of some aspects of the NT intervention.

Have there been any other similar requests for tender from other departments or for assessment of other aspects of the NTER?

Answer:

All agencies planning to undertake evaluations or reviews of specific measures or sub measures under the NTER are required to notify FaHCSIA through the NTER Project Management Board (PMB).

The PMB has been advised of the evaluation to be undertaken by the Department of Health and Ageing.

The PMB has been advised of two assessments of aspects of the NTER within FaHCSIA; a Review of the Implementation of the Northern Territory Government Remote Public Housing Management Framework (RPHMF) and an Evaluation of Income Management in the Northern Territory.

The PMB has not been informed of any other evaluations to be undertaken by other departments.

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Question No: 016

Topic: NTER evaluation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How does this particular evaluation project fit into the promised evaluation of the NTER?

Answer:

All agencies planning to undertake evaluations or reviews of specific measures or sub measures under the NTER are required to notify FaHCSIA through the NTER Project Management Board (PMB).

The PMB has been advised of the evaluation to be undertaken by the Department of Health and Ageing.

The nature and scope of evaluations of the NTER will be reviewed following receipt of the report of the 12 month review now under way.

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Question No: 017

Topic: NTER evaluation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is there to be a coordinated approach to this evaluation? How is this to take place?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Emergency Response Evaluation Steering Committee (the Steering Committee), comprising representatives from all agencies involved in the intervention, coordinates whole of government monitoring and evaluation strategies for the NTER. The Steering Committee was established before the announcement of the independent Review and reports to the NTER Project Management Board.

Findings of evaluations of individual NTER measures conducted by individual departments will feed in to planning and reporting by the Steering Committee.

The independent NTER Review is a process separate to the work of the Steering Committee. The independent NTER Review Board will determine the methodology for the independent Review.

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Question No: 018

Topic: NTER evaluation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How can part of the evaluation proceed if there are not yet terms of reference or an evaluation framework?

Answer:

All agencies planning to undertake evaluations or reviews of specific measures or sub measures under the NTER are required to notify FaHCSIA through the NTER Project Management Board (PMB).

The PMB has been advised of the evaluation to be undertaken by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Findings of evaluations of individual NTER measures conducted by individual departments will feed into whole of government monitoring arrangements.

The nature and scope of evaluations of the NTER will be reviewed following receipt of the report of the 12 month review now under way.

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Question No: 025

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Which communities now have a permanent police presence? How many of these permanent police are from interstate?

Answer:

Eighteen additional communities (see **Attachment A**) have received a police presence taking the total to 33 interstate police officers deployed in these additional communities and will be progressively replaced by Australian Federal Police when their attachments expire.

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ATTACHMENT A

Eighteen additional communities that have received a police presence

Arlparra

Haasts Bluff

Imanpa

Mutitjulu

Nyirripi

Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte)

Willowra (Wirliyatjarrayi)

Numbulwar

Galiwinku (Elcho Island)

Bulman

Yarralin

Peppimenarti

Alpurrurulam

Minyerri

Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)

Ramingining

Minjilang (Croker Island)

Waruwi

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Question No: 026

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many temporary police officers are there currently? How many of these are from interstate? What kind of training were they given? When will they be replaced by permanent police?

Answer:

Since the commencement of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER), Taskforce THEMIS has established 18 new remote police stations throughout the Northern Territory. (Task Force THEMIS is the Northern Territory Police response to the NTER.) Fifty-one police officers are currently deployed to THEMIS stations. Of these 33 have been seconded from state police forces and the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Prior to deployment to a community, interstate secondees complete 120 hours of training over a period of three weeks. This training covers a range of topics including cultural awareness, introduction to Northern Territory legislation and Northern Territory Police procedures and systems, weapons control, bush survival, domestic violence, prohibited material, defensive tactics and four-wheel driving.

The Australian government has committed resources for AFP officers to continue work with the NTER, including replacing staff from State police forces as their attachments expire.

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Question No: 027

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you report specifically on what activities these new police are undertaking? To what extent they are and have been directed to work with communities to tackle issues of family violence and abuse?

Answer:

These new police are undertaking general policing duties and are ensuring that protective behaviour strategies are implemented. There is a strong community engagement focus and police are involved in community activities, including meeting with Traditional Owners, Community CEOs and council members.

In addition to these policing activities the Northern Territory Emergency Response tackles the issue of family violence and abuse by funding:

- mobile outreach service providing sexual assault referrals. This service provides casework services, community liaison and education activities by professional counsellors as well as Aboriginal sexual assault works.
- mobile child protection teams (MCPT) and Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers (RAFCWs). Currently staff are being recruited for both of these activities who will support Aboriginal families and communities who are at risk.

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Question No: 028

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In answers to Questions on Notice in Additional Estimates the Department indicated by 1 July 2008 the AFP will have 66 officers deployed to the NT: Are there 66 officers deployed yet? Are you on track to have the 66 officers by 1 July 2008?

Answer:

No, there were not 66 Australian Federal Police officers deployed by 1 July 2008.

At 31 July 2008 the Australian Federal Police had a total deployment of 61 members as a part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response consisting of:

- 34 members deployed in the remote communities;
- six members deployed to the joint Australian Federal Police / Northern Territory Police Child Abuse Taskforce (CAT) in Darwin;
- one Commander and eight members based in Darwin; and
- 12 AFP officers currently undergoing training for deployment to remote communities in August.

The AFP advises that it has deployed as many personnel as the Northern Territory Police can support at this time.

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Question No: 030

Topic: Community Policing

Hansard Page: CA73 3/6

Senator Adams asked:

How many charges have been laid since the inception of the intervention?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Police, Fire, and Emergency Services issued a media release on 23 June 2008 putting this information on the public record (refer **Attachment A** or visit www.pfes.nt.gov.au and navigate via the Media Centre link).

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Attachment A

**NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 23 June 2008

Issued at: 1200 hrs CST

Taskforce Themis – One year on

The Northern Territory Police Commissioner, Mr Paul White has praised the cooperative effort of police officers from the Northern Territory and interstate jurisdictions following the anniversary of the Intervention on Saturday 21 June.

“To establish 18 stations in eight months, an increase of 51 members on the ground policing communities and providing much needed support and services is really an extraordinary effort, one that is unprecedented in Australian Policing history.

“The amount of work that goes into implementing the infrastructure, essential services and communications for a functional police station in some of the most remote parts of Australia cannot be overlooked.”

Commissioner White said that these stations have responded to over 2500 events since their creation for offences ranging from road safety, personal violence the flow of alcohol and other substances and their abuse and its negative consequences.

“However beyond that I feel really strongly about the proactive work carried out by exceptional police officers which to date, has not been widely acknowledged.

“Police officers across these stations are thinking outside the square, they have rallied support and donations for bikes to work with children and teach road safety, they are coaches of the local football team, host barbeques at community events and travel around with the school bus encouraging children to go to school.”

Commissioner White has expressed his disappointment following recent criticism from agencies such as the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and Central Australia Aboriginal Legal Aid Service that suggest police have been heavy handed in their approach.

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“To completely fail to acknowledge the great work and community engagement that is underway in these communities by police, not to mention ensuring law and order, is extremely disappointing.

“Reporting anecdotal information about ‘heavy handed police’ completely contradicts and evidence gathered from a Northern Territory Police survey of 14 of the 18 communities with a new police station.

“Our survey found the majority of the 100 people surveyed were positive about police being in their communities and wanted police to be a part of the community. They said that in their experience safety had improved and domestic violence had reduced as had alcohol abuse and alcohol related violence.

“Ensuring the safety and well being of women and children in remote communities remains our priority and where crimes have been committed, the police will continue to investigate arrest and charge as appropriate.” Commissioner White said.

Twelve months prior to the Intervention being announced, Northern Territory Police established the Child Abuse Taskforce (CAT). CAT was joined by Department of Health, Family and Children’s Services and later, as a result of the Intervention, gained a further six Australian Federal Police Officers to further build the capacity of the team.

Since the CAT commencement in June 2006, over 400 investigations into reported matters have been conducted across the Territory. The investigations have covered 69 communities resulting in 46 arrests and eight summonses.

Since the Intervention and the establishment of the 18 additional, remote police stations, 56 reports concerning child abuse have been referred to CAT from those stations. These reports alone have resulted in 8 arrests, 30 charges of child abuse offences, 3 convictions to date, 4 matters remain before the Court and one matter was withdrawn. Eight of those investigations are still underway.

Commissioner White commended the efforts of the Child Abuse Team and the very difficult job that they do.

“Interviewing children in relation to sex offences is an extremely challenging and sensitive job. Any parent will appreciate how difficult it can be questioning a child on what they did at school that day. Imagine having to conduct child forensic interviews to gather evidence, further exacerbated in cases when the evidence is against a child’s relative in a small, remote community. Then, there has to be sufficient evidence in order to successfully prosecute offenders.

“I cannot stress enough, the dedicated and passionate efforts of the Northern Territory Police and the CAT team in particular, in protecting Territory children from

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abuse. It often takes three or four visits to communities to build up a trust and ultimately, evidence.”

Commissioner White concluded by acknowledging the Commonwealth Government Intervention and the additional resources for Northern Territory Police which have without doubt, increased the capacity of Police in remote communities.

“The Intervention has enabled us to establish and staff 18 new police stations and increase the capacity of the CAT team to engage with communities closer while maintaining law and order.”

Northern Territory Police remind anyone with information in relation to child abuse of their mandatory requirement to report it to Police on 131 444.

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Background Information: Positive Examples of changes in community behaviours.

The success of CAT should not be solely based on the number of arrests or successful prosecutions. It is recognised nationally that child abuse investigations are very difficult to conduct and prosecute due to such things as the nature of the offence, the age of the victim/s and lack of witnesses.

The Community meetings, relationship building and education of community members and agencies have also had a positive impact. As a result community members know such things as what they can do and not do in respect of the Northern Territory law, what to look out for to identify children at risk, how to report offences and how to better protect children.

Specific examples of changes in community behaviours are:

CAT have a current investigation into a large number of young females aged 6 - 8 years with sexually transmitted infections (STI's) in the one community. The offenders in this matter appear to be young persons aged between 10 and 13 years. Members of CAT have completed a number of community visits and through rapport building with members of the community there has been a sharp increase in the number of children who have been brought to the local clinic by their carers for health checks. Members of this community are personally calling CAT members for advice and guidance on keeping their children safe and education packages are being prepared. Members of CAT hosted a council meeting and were received warmly with a renewed motivation by the council to assist in this matter. The council

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were genuinely shocked and saddened by the reports and were keen to be more actively involved in the education of children.

There has been a similar situation in another community where a comprehensive CAT investigation was instigated due to numerous allegations of sexual abuse of young females in the community. As a result of the high CAT presence, the elders of the community, especially the females, have agreed to work with CAT members in educating the youth of the community. One suggestion was to teach the female elders the concepts of Child Forensic Interviewing (CFI's) to assist them in speaking to young girls who have previously refused to speak to police and will only communicate in their language.

An investigation in another community was the result of a sexual relationship involving a 15 year old girl and allegations of sexual assault of 4 or 5 other children aged 13 to 15 years. Once again CAT organised a community meeting to discuss the issues within the community and obtain feedback from the community members as to how they might be involved and manage these issues. As a result of this event the Council have established curfews for young persons, and young people have taken on mentoring roles for others in need of help.

Involvement in another community commenced as a result of clinic notification of a 6 year old female who had tested positive for an STI. As a result of police involvement this community has gone from a community that did not usually see police and were not overly comfortable with police presence, to a community that now contacts CAT members fortnightly to see if they need any assistance or to be picked up from the airport. Elders from the community have invited CAT members for a cultural day where the community can sit down with police, discuss how to prevent child abuse and share with members parts of their culture. This day is still being organised by CAT members and one of the elders in the community.

These examples are truly indicative of the efforts that have been made by CAT members towards positive relationship building within the communities. This consultative approach allows for communities to take ownership of the problems and issues within their communities and with the support of police and FACS, discuss and find ways to manage these issues appropriately and to create and implement crime prevention strategies.

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Question No: 032

Topic: Reports on community services and infrastructure in the NT prescribed communities.

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Are you able to give me a breakdown of the community services and infrastructure available in the NT prescribed communities? - What was in place prior to the intervention, what has been put in place, and what is anticipated to be in place as a result of the intervention?

Answer:

The Department's resources are currently heavily involved in supporting the NTER Review Board as they visit the NTER communities and there are not sufficient resources to provide detailed answers to these questions at this time. Comprehensive information is not available in consolidated form.

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Question No: 033

Topic: Reports on community services and infrastructure in the NT prescribed communities

Hansard Page: Written – see also CA64 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

I am particularly interested in getting a list of child care centres, pre-primary, primary and secondary school, aged accommodation, women's centres and refuges, single men's & single women's housing, community stores, youth centres, health clinics and centres, hospitals, stores and swimming pools – listed by community against community size.

Answer:

See response to QoN 032.

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Question No: 036

Topic: Community Agents

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

The 2008 Budget provides \$3.8m in 08-09 for the employment of 20 Indigenous community members to act as community agents – to be a conduit between community and government representatives, engaging families and individuals in the NTER and working to bring about greater community input into government decision-making.

- 1) How will the Indigenous community agents be recruited?
- 2) Will the community agents be recruited from their own communities?
- 3) Will the community be consulted?
- 4) What will they be paid?
- 5) Which communities will have a community agent?

Answer:

Community Agents have been renamed Indigenous Engagement Officers (IEOs), to avoid potential confusion with Centrelink's Community Agents. Responses to questions as follows:

- 1) FaHCSIA is currently settling the details of its recruitment strategy. It is expected that IEOs will be recruited on the basis of:
 - demonstrated awareness of current Indigenous issues;
 - familiarity with community dynamics and protocols;
 - ability to forge relationships with people across the community;
 - English proficiency and oral communication skills; and
 - readiness to undergo a development training program in community engagement practice, professional skill development and personal leadership capacity.

The process of identifying and selecting IEO's may include the establishment of community selection panels comprising senior community members, as well as relevant Government officers.

- 2) It is expected that community members or people acceptable to the community will occupy the positions.
- 3) Community information and consultation will occur around the establishment of the IEO position and the roles they will play.
- 4) The IEO will be equivalent to a FaHCSIA APS-4 employee.
- 5) This is being finalised but is expected to include:
 - availability of suitable applicants;
 - availability of support infrastructure; and
 - community size.

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Question No: 046

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

Why has more than \$200 million been cut from the NT intervention? It is claimed that this \$200 million has been invested in other programs. If this is correct, what programs and what are the outcomes for these programs?

Answer:

Funding for the first year of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) included initial implementation and logistical costs to enable the departments to respond quickly. Costs included infrastructure in remote areas such as temporary staff accommodation in communities, provision of IT infrastructure, the set up of the Taskforce Operations Centre, motor vehicles, support for police accommodation and additional police stations, community clean ups, one off health checks and signage for the changes in alcohol and pornography laws.

These one off costs did not require funding in 2008-09.

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Question No: 047

Topic: Closing the Gap

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

I note that it is the Department's goal in Indigenous Affairs to 'close the gap' in one generation. In your opinion, is there enough money allocated to Indigenous affairs (through the forward estimates) to achieve this goal?

Answer:

The target to close the gap in Indigenous life expectancy within a generation has been set by the Australian Government and is fully supported by all states and territories through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), as are the other targets to close the gap in child mortality, early childhood learning, educational achievement, and employment.

The issue of the adequacy of funding is a policy matter for governments.

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Question No: 049

Topic: NTER Review

Hansard Page: CA 46

Senator Adams asked:

How much has been budgeted for the review?

Answer:

The Government allocated \$2 million dollars for the NTER Review.

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Question No: 051

Topic: DoHA Evaluation

Hansard Page: CA60 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Was FaHCSIA consulted in DoHA advertisement to tender the NTER Review?

Answer:

All agencies planning to undertake evaluations or reviews of specific measures or sub measures under the NTER are required to notify FaHCSIA through the NTER Project Management Board (PMB).

The PMB has been advised of the evaluation to be undertaken by the Department of Health and Ageing.

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Question No: 055

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Of the \$109 million for employment and welfare reform can the department provide a breakdown between the three elements, income quarantining, CDEP and the removal of remote area exemption?

Answer:

As at 30 April 2008, \$30 million of the \$109 million related to expenditure on Income Management by FaHCSIA and Centrelink. A further \$31 million was spent by Indigenous Business Australia, primarily on Outback Stores. The remainder related to the removal of Remote Area Exemptions and CDEP, both of which are the responsibility of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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Question No: 138

Topic: Youth Workers in NT

Hansard Page: CA45 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

What youth services already exist in that zone and who are they funded by?

Answer:

The following table outlines the communities in the expanded petrol sniffing zone that have youth services and their funding source for those services.

Community	Service	Funded by
Kintore	One Outside School Hours Care Worker (OSHC)	DEEWR
	One youth worker/substance use worker	NT Government
	One substance use worker attached to the health clinic	DoHA
Papunya	Two youth workers	DEEWR
	Equipment grant	NT Government
	0.5 Sport and Recreation worker	NT Government
Haast's Bluff	One youth worker	FAHCSIA
	0.5 Sport and Recreation	FAHCSIA
	Equipment Grant	FAHSCIA
Mt Liebeg	Two youth workers	FAHCSIA
	Equipment Grant	NT Government
Ntaria	One sport and recreation worker	NT Government, Australian Sports Commission, DEEWR
Areyonga	Two youth workers	DEEWR
	One trainee sport and recreation officer	DEWHA

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Yuelamu	One sport and recreation worker	FAHCSIA
	Equipment Grant	NT Government
Anmatjerre (Ti Tree)	This community is a hub that covers the communities of Engawala, Nturiya, Laramba and Pmara Jutunta (6 Mile). A sport and recreational coordinator and a trainee cover the area.	FaHCSIA, DEEWR, Australian Sports Commission, NT Government
Yuendumu	This community runs the Mt Theo program which is a regional hub that covers the Warlpiri communities of Yuendumu, Willowra and Nyripi and also Lajamanu (which is outside the expanded petrol sniffing zone) Employs 6 full time youth workers and has a pool of approximately 90 casual youth workers under the Jaru Pirrjirdi project 19 support staff, 11 are non indigenous staff and 8 indigenous staff	DoHA, FaHCSIA, NT Government, Warlpiri Education Training Trust, Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund
	Holiday programs in Willowra and Nyripi	CAYLUS

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Question No: 052

Topic: Performance Indicators

Hansard Page: CA60 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Can the department provide the latest list of performance indicators?

Answer:

There are a number of performance indicators developed for the NTER within both the department and other Australian and Northern Territory Government agencies with responsibilities for NTER measures.

The NTER monitoring reports are only based on a subset of those overall performance indicators.

The indicators for the NTER monitoring report are at [Attachment A](#) for your information.

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Question No: 019

Topic: NTER Monitoring

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In response to questions on notice from Additional Estimates [qn:041] the department indicated that:

"Monitoring of the NTER is quarterly and a range of performance indicators have been set."

- a. What reports has it received to date?
- b. Can you please table these?
- c. How are these reports received, compiled and assessed?

Answer:

- a. The department has received monitoring data from all participating agencies and has combined this information into monitoring reports covering the first and second quarter of the NTER implementation. Currently the format and content of the third monitoring report is under further development. This report will cover the full first year of the NTER.
- b. The monitoring reports are confidential internal working documents. The release of the third monitoring report will need to be considered by the Minister for Families and Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs once it is finalised.
- c. The Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC), within the department, compiles the reports based on performance indicator data and analysis provided by areas with responsibilities for NTER measures and sub measures within the department, other Australian government agencies and the Northern Territory Government. The reports are provided to the NTER Project Management Board for consideration.

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Question No: 045

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

I note that the 2008 budget papers have only allocated funding to the Northern Territory Emergency Response for the next 12 months? In not providing funding through the forward estimates, is the Department signalling the death of the NT intervention? Is the Department pre-empting the outcome of its own review?

Answer:

Funding has been provided to continue Northern Territory Emergency Response measures through 2008-09. The review of the Emergency Response will assess what is working, whether the measures are effective and their impact to date on individuals and communities. This review will inform future funding decisions.

The previous Government provided funding for the Emergency Response for the first 12 months only.

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Question No: 056

Topic: Evaluation of the Review

Hansard Page: CA76 2/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Is there a reason why the cross agency report is not publicly available and if it is can a copy please be provided?

Answer:

The monitoring report is a confidential internal working document that is not released publicly. We are currently preparing a monitoring report that covers the first 12 months of the NTER. Once this report is finalised it's release is then a matter for the Government to decide.

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Question No: 266

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How is the impact of the alcohol restrictions, bans on pornography, increased police and quarantining of income being evaluated?

Answer:

The individual measures of the NTER are being evaluated by the responsible agency. Further, the independent NTER Review Board will consider what is and isn't working, whether the current suite of NTER measures will deliver the intended results, whether any unintended consequences have emerged and whether other measures should be developed.

The terms of reference for the twelve-month review are available at:

http://www.jennymacklin.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/jennymacklin.nsf/content/nt_emergency_response_06jun08.htm

Once the independent Review has been completed, the NTER Evaluation Steering Committee will examine the Review's findings to review further evaluation strategies for the NTER.

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Attachment A

NTER monitoring report performance indicators

Outcome indicators

These outcome indicators are longer term indicators of overall success of the NTER and would be initially assessed and evaluated at the formative stage and comprehensively through an outcome evaluation.

Note to table: All indicators refer to Indigenous people in prescribed areas, unless other wise stated. Indicators are by prescribed area, unless otherwise stated. Remaining indicators will be measured at an aggregated level.

Not all measures have indicators and some for some measures (ie some education measures) performance indicators are under consideration. Some indicators are gathered through qualitative methodology.

NTER Outcome Areas	Key Outcome Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved safety and wellbeing of indigenous children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of hospital separations for Indigenous infants aged 0-5 years for the specified reporting period with preventable injury or disease or ear, eye, dental and environmental health conditions ⁱ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduction of sexual abuse perpetrated against Indigenous children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of sexually transmitted infections for Indigenous children.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of complaints relating to alleged child sexual abuse perpetrated against indigenous children /non indigenous children
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and proportion of investigations of child abuse and neglect by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of apprehensions by Police relating to alleged child sexual abuse perpetrated against indigenous /non indigenous children together with indigenous/non indigenous status of offender
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of convictions - indigenous /non indigenous offenders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School engagement and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of enrolments and rate of preschool and school attendance for children
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apparent School retention rates as identified from the Student destination survey at Year 10 and 12ⁱⁱ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition rate from primary to secondary school (annual indicator)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of students participating in the national benchmarks, as measured through annual MAP outcomes (and subsequent National Benchmark testing) in years 3, 5 7 and 9 (compared with rest of Australia)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents and carers involvement in all schooling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainable communities to support children incl. education and employment pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and rate of hospital separations for people for injury resulting from assault or interpersonal violence and who are residents of a prescribed area or community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and rate of hospital separations for people with mental health ⁱⁱⁱ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doctor presentations concerning children ie diagnosis, referral and treatment (timeliness and type)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Police investigations of violence related to family safety issues (see Law and Order below)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imprisonment and juvenile detention rates of youth
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people per bedroom per house <p>This aims to measure overcrowding – please note which overcrowding standard is used. Please provide comments where the standard is not met</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate of tenancy obligations met
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of people with a disease associated with poor environmental health (icd code) ^{iv}
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labour force participation rate
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and rate of communities with NTG standardised municipal services

Whole of government indicators

The following list of indicators focuses on process and output indicators for quarterly reporting on progress against whole of government objectives.

Note to table: All indicators refer to Indigenous people and prescribed areas, unless otherwise stated

Indicators will be measured at community level where stated. Other indicators will be either at an aggregated level or other suitable reporting criterion i.e. by school.

Highlighted indicators are intermediate and longer term indicators that may not be available in the early part of the stabilisation phase

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Some indicator data may only be available in the prescribed areas where the measure has been implemented

Improving child and family health

Measures	WoG indicators	
Child health checks	▪ Number of child health checks undertaken	
	▪ Number of all types of referrals (including specialist referrals) by treatment type	
	Medical follow up and treatment	▪ Number of children who have received audiology follow up
		▪ Number of children who have received dental follow up
	Child and special services	▪ Number of additional Alcohol and Other Drugs Outreach Workers and community support workers employed in selected primary care and substance use services across each region of the NT
	Drug and Alcohol response	▪ Number of activities funded to provide workforce training to build clinical competence and confidence of the drug and alcohol service delivery sector; and community education activities.
		▪ Number of occupied bed days used for alcohol treatment in Katherine and Tennant Creek hospitals, in the dedicated hospital beds
		▪ Number of individuals who received alcohol treatment at Katherine and Tennant Creek hospitals, in the dedicated hospital beds.
		▪ Increased bed capacity and workers at selected residential rehabilitation centres and sobering up shelter to provide increased care and recovery options to individuals and communities
		▪ Number of people accessing residential rehab facilities
▪ Parents and teacher perception of children's wellbeing since the NTER commenced		

Enhancing education

Measures	WoG indicators
Active school participation	▪ Preschool enrolment and attendance rates by preschool
	▪ Primary and secondary school enrolment and attendance rates by school
	▪ Number of schools with a nutrition (breakfast and lunch) program where income management has been switched on
School nutrition program	▪ Transition rate from primary to secondary school (annual indicator)
	▪ Parental and carers involvement in all schooling

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Supporting Families

Measures	WoG indicators
Safe places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities with new or refurbished safe house facilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people accessing the safe houses
Crèches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of family safety plans developed
Playgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of programs delivered through each safe house
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Indigenous people employed to operate safe houses
Early childhood services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Remote Aboriginal Family & Community Workers employed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Mobile Child Protection Team workers employed
Child-at – risk workers for Northern Territory Child Protection Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number participating in parenting programs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and participation rate in early childhood programs by type
Youth diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of complaints relating to alleged child sexual abuse perpetrated against indigenous children /non indigenous children
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and proportion of investigations of child abuse and neglect by community
Youth diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of apprehensions by Police relating to alleged child sexual abuse perpetrated against indigenous /non indigenous children together with indigenous/non indigenous status of offender
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of convictions - indigenous /non indigenous offenders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number and participation rate in youth diversion activities

Promoting law and order

Measures	WoG indicators
Expansion of NT night patrols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities with an Australian government funded night patrol service.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people (men and women) transported to a recognised safe house by the Australian government funded night patrol service (applicable where a community has a recognised safe house).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people (men and women) transported (i.e. not to a recognised 'safe house'), and including referrals to other services, by the Australian government funded night patrol service (applicable where a community has a recognised safe house).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people (men and women) transported, including referrals to other services, by the Australian government funded night patrol service (applicable where a community does not have a recognised safe house).

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Increased police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of locations with full-time police presence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of police callouts to communities without full-time police by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation of community safety
	<p>Number of reported offences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assaults excl sexual assaults
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sexual assaults
	<p>Number of apprehensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assaults excl sexual assaults ▪ Sexual assaults
	<p>Number of lodgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assaults excl sexual assaults; ▪ Sexual assaults ▪ Guilty outcomes
	<p>Number of convictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assaults excl sexual assaults ▪ Sexual assaults
	<p>Domestic violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications ▪ Orders ▪ Breaches
	Drug, alcohol and pornography restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of incidents of alcohol and substance abuse (inc. petrol sniffing, volatile substances, kava) and violence related crime (inc. juvenile) by non prescribed towns and cities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people accessing rehab/detox facilities (currently annual, retrospective data. DoHA to investigate feasibility & value of indicator further) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes in relevant communities due to new licensing provisions (mid Nov) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of drinking permits by type
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of new alcohol management plans
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol consumption / sales data
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol related hospital or clinic admissions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol related crime statistics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admissions to sobering up shelters and protective custody
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Availability, access and supply of videos and x-rated material in a community before and after bans took effect in communities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The number of offences in relation to restricted material
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of computer audits performed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rates of recidivism by Indigenous status
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rates of reoffending. ▪ Reoffending of any type within 12 months of the first offence, irrespective of conviction. Aims to gather continued interaction with the criminal justice system
Additional Legal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of NTER related matters handled by AGD funded legal service providers. ▪ Number of outreach visits to communities by AGD funded legal service providers for NTER related matters.
Aboriginal Interpreter Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people seeking to access an interpreter for NTER related matters through NTAIS. ▪ Number of hours of interpreting provided for NTER related matters by NTAIS. ▪ Number of times GBMs and other Cth Government representatives in communities utilised NTAIS' interpreter services.

Housing and land reform

Measures	WoG indicators
Community Clean up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of houses assessed by community - habitable and not habitable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of bedrooms and inhabitants per house
Urgent repairs to infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of houses that received scheduled minor repairs (<\$5K)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Indigenous people (male and female) employed in community cleanup
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of urgent infrastructure projects (Tasks of Opportunities) funded by community (type of work and funding source provided)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number new dwellings completed by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of unfit houses made fit by community by major and minor (<\$50k) upgrades
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of houses that received scheduled major repairs (>\$50k)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities with a functional infrastructure and housing maintenance service
Tenancy agreements and leasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of commercial tenancy agreements in place by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities with public housing
Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of houses with new tenancy agreements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of rent collected
Land compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of houses for which maintenance reports have been lodged
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities with public housing managed by the NTG by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of houses with new tenancy agreements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of rent collected
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of houses for which maintenance reports have been lodged

Welfare reform and employment

Measures	WoG indicators
Community stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quality, quantity and range of food at community stores ▪ Food security: Appropriate access to all community members to a range and quantity of quality food
Income Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Payments by type made to Income managed customers residing in non-prescribed towns or cities in whole of NT ▪ Customers who have been Income Managed and Auto Income Managed ▪ Total amount of income withheld from IM customers ▪ Total dollar amount by payment type ▪ Total number of customers by payment type) ▪ Allocated Payments (i.e. withheld IM funds paid out of Special Account) by list of Priority Needs ▪ Unallocated Payments (i.e. amount remaining in Special Account)
Increased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people in NTER prescribed communities (excluding outstations and town camps), on welfare, by payment type

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participation opportunities for people on income support in remote communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people in NTER prescribed communities (including outstations and town camps), on welfare, by payment type
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people in non-prescribed towns or cities in whole of NT, on welfare, by payment type¹ by Indigenous / non-Indigenous indicator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Payments by type made to Income Managed customers residing in prescribed NT communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NewStart Allowance b. Parenting Payment c. Youth Allowance by category (student, jobseeker, apprentice) d. Carer Payment e. Disability Support Pension f. Age Pension g. Family Tax Benefits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people engaged with DEEWR services in the prescribed communities, outstations and town camps
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Job Capacity Assessments undertaken and resulting referral by community and resulting referral (JCA/PSP/JN/DSP/etc)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Work for the Dole activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of commencements in Work for the Dole
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ % of commencements receiving Newstart or Youth allowances
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ % of commencements receiving Parenting Payment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of commencements in STEP and STEP ERS in prescribed communities, outstations and town camps
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF) projects funded in prescribed communities, outstations and town camps
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of activity tested job seekers serving a non- payment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job Placements in the prescribed communities, town camps and outstations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trend in 'Off benefit outcomes' by prescribed community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of jobs created under the jobs package by Australian Government/NT Government, by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of referrals to Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program in NTER communities and associated outstations.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of referrals to LLNP of people who are activity tested and on a Working Age Payment in NTER communities, associated outstations and town camps.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of projects and participants to Workplace English Language & Literacy (WELL)
CDEP transition to jobs and employment services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people exiting CDEP by destination
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of CDEP Providers where transition has been completed (target 50 by 30 June 2008)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of people on CDEP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities and outstations where remote area exemptions (RAEs) are lifted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What proportion of the positions created under the jobs package are CDEP transitioned positions?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How many jobs from the 2000 package are filled by previous CDEP participants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of positions under the jobs package (including ex CDEP positions) filled by Indigenous people by community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No. of indigenous people employed in Childcare from the Jobs Package
Community Employment Brokers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Community Employment Brokers employed

Whole of government coordination

Measures	WoG indicators
WoG Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commonwealth agencies are coordinating their efforts on the ground
Community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance within community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indigenous people understand how the measures in the bills will impact on them and what their new responsibilities are
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of NTER Community Engagement Regional workshops held for key stakeholders in original 73 identified communities
Government Business Managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of GBMs deployed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of communities covered by each GBM

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Temporary accommodation of WoG staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of new Australian Government staff accommodation deployed
Commonwealth Ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of complaints by issue ▪ Trend analysis of complaints by issue

Endnotes

¹ Hospital separations for children 0-5 years:

- a) Certain infectious and parasitic diseases (A00–B99)
- b) Nutritional anaemia's (D50–D53) and malnutrition (E40–E46)
- c) Diseases of the ear and mastoid process (H60–H95)
- d) Diseases of the respiratory system (J00–J99)
- e) Diseases of oral cavity salivary glands and jaws (K00–K14)
- f) Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (L00–L99)
- g) Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00–T98)
 - Transport accidents (V01–V99)
 - Other external causes of accidental injury (W00–X59)
 - Intentional self-poisoning and exposure to alcohol (X65)
 - Assault (X85–Y09)
 - Complications of medical and surgical care (Y40–Y84)

Note: External Causes sub-categories classified by first external cause

¹ Student destination survey at Year 10 and Year 12 (carried out mid- year and at the end of each year).

- Apparent retention rate of Indigenous students from Year 7 to Year 10 (relevant localities) or Year 8 to 10 (relevant localities) by school.
- Apparent retention rate of Indigenous students from Year 10 to Year 12 by school.
- Number of students participating in the ESL – ILLSS programme (for students accessing formal education for the first time if their first language is not English).

¹ Mental and behavioural disorders

- Organic mental disorders (F00 – F09)
- Schizophrenia, schizo tygal and delusional disorders (F20 - F29)
- Mood and neurotic disorders (F30 – F48)
- Other mental disorders (F50 – F99)

¹ Hospitalisation rates for:

1. Intestinal infectious diseases (A00 – A09)
2. Tuberculosis (A15 – A19)
3. Bacterial disease (A20 – A49)
4. Trachoma (A71)
5. Acute hepatitis A (B15)
6. Acute hepatitis B (B16)
7. Scabies (B86)
8. Acute rheumatic fever (100 – 102)
9. Chronic rheumatic heart diseases (105 – 109)
10. Acute upper respiratory infections (J00 – J06)
11. Influenza and pneumonia (J10 – J18)

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57 communities to receive housing upgrades

Tara	Gunyangara
Imangara	Belyuen
Kybrook Farm	Yuelamu
Eva Valley	Finke
Acacia Larrakia	Titjikala
Weemol	Wutunugurra
Amanbidji	Yarralin
Rittarangu	Mutitjulu
Wallace Rockhole	Pmara Jutunta
Nturiya	Nyirripi
Wilora	Minjilang
Bulla	Willowra
Haasts Bluff	Mount Liebig
Canteen Creek	Laramba
Robinson River	Jikminggan
Imanpa	Barunga
Bulman	Amoonguna
Engawala	Papunya
Atitjere	Pirlangimpi
Pigeon Hole	Alpurrurulam
Peppimenarti	Kaltukatjara
Areyonga	Nganmariyanga
Binjari	Milikapiti
Santa Teresa	Warruwi
Ramingining	Naiyu
Daguragu	Beswick
Kalkarindji	Minyerri
Kintore	Ampilatwatja
Ali Curung	

16 communities to receive major capital works

Hermannsburg	Gunbalanya
Yirrkala	Nguiu
Yuendumu	Ngukurr
Gapuwiyak	Galiwinku
Numbulwar	Maningrida
Angurugu	Wadeye
Umbakumba	Lajamanu
Milyakburra	
Milingimbi	

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T9 YDA - \$8,521,910.00 (includes the \$1.79million in NT Regional Network) – 95 projects

Project Name / Project Title	Organisation	Shire	2007-2008 Approved Amount
Timber Creek Youth Cultural Development	Brown's Mart Community Arts Inc	Vic/Daly	129,500
Brown's Mart - Art and culture programs -Bagot Youth Gathering.	Brown's Mart Community Arts Inc	Darwin City	85,000
Ramingining Youth Music and Video project.	Brown's Mart Community Arts Inc	East Arnhem	100,000
Nyinyikay Arts and Culture program - Dance Coaching Clinics and traditional Residencies.	Brown's Mart Community Arts Inc	East Arnhem	107,500
NT Regional Youth Development Network - Operational	Australian Red Cross Society	Darwin City	179,950
Sam Our Way	Auspiced by Aust. Red Cross NT	Darwin City	58,757
Amateur Boxing NT	Auspiced by Aust. Red Cross NT	East Arnhem	26,560
Youth Camps - A proposal for youth cultural camps and healing workshops for 10 Maningrida youth	Balunu Foundation	West Arnhem	201,320
Hand Me Down - Provide a traditional knowledge bank through song, dance and stories.	Browns Mart	West Arnhem	91,190
Lipalipa Project - The manufacture and use of the tradition dugout canoe	Browns Mart	West Arnhem	159,500
Living Youth Video - Provide evidence of living youth culture/ community	Browns Mart	Victoria Daly	94,930
NT Music Workshops - Maintain and increase the indigenous musical culture.	Browns Mart	Darwin City	121,440

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Event Management - Training for young people in management of indigenous cultural resources	Browns Mart	Darwin City	61,632
Minjilang Arts - Young Artists Support - A proposal for a young artist's support, teaching and marketing program for 20-25 Minjilang youth. Community: Minjilang (Croker Island)	Minjilang Community Inc	East Arnhem	12,931
Youth Organised Aquatic Leadership	Royal Life Saving Assoc.	Darwin City	123,000
Warruwi Arts - Artist Development Program	Warruwi Community Inc	East Arnhem	29,163
Warruwi - Community Youth Camp	Warruwi Community Inc	East Arnhem	55,000
Youth Festival - GREATS Maningrida - Youth Festival at Maningrida - incl. Minjilang, Warruwi, Ramingining & Milingimbi	Auspiced by Malabam Health	Darwin City	38,000
Kickstart Programs - Set up kickstart programs in Maningrida and Oenpelli for up to 25 youth in each community.	AFL NT	West Arnhem	32,490
Litter Awareness Program	Keep Aust Beautiful Council NT	Darwin City	12,032
Life Games	Life Be In It - NT	Darwin City	5,061
Basketball Workshop	Hoops 4 Health Aboriginal Corp	Darwin City	150,381
Wadeye Community Stories	Skinny Fish Music	Victoria Daly	81,350
Austouch Program - Communities: Daly River, Minjilang, Jabiru, Maningrida \$5290 per community	Austouch Touch Football - NT	Various	21,160
Skinny Fish - 2 x Music Program - 1) Music video program in Mamadawarrie/Oenpelli \$112,130. 2) Music Project in Warrumw \$55,300	Skinny Fish Music * 2 Music Programs	Darwin City	175,430

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Purchase Order created in AFIS.	DO IT ALL (Purchase order AFIS)		1,500
YDA Regional Network	Thamarurr Regional Council	Victoria/ Daly	68,223
			2,223,000
GBM Flexible Funding Pool Round 1 Youth Diversionary Activities	Nauiyu Nambiyu Community Government Council	Victoria / Daly	9,500
Youth Sport, and recreation purchases.	Thamarurr Regional Council	Victoria / Daly	366,000
Maningrida swimming Pool - Shade Tech Cover.	Maningrida Council Inc	West Arnhem	45,000
Erection of Shade Cloth Cover	The Gathering Incorporated	Darwin City	5,000
Hermannsburg - Ntaria Rec Centre Upgrade	NT Police	Macdonnell	10,000
Alternatives for youth: Tackling boredom and anti-social behaviour @ Canteen Creek	NT Police	Barkly	13,500
Mt Liebig - Youth Program Facilities Upgrade	NT Police	Macdonnell	15,000
Areyonga - Upgrade Basketball facility	NT Police	Macdonnell	15,000
Childwise choose with care	NT Police	Tiwi	30,000
Youth Diversionary Program Management	NT Police	Darwin City	40,000
Hermannsburg - Ntaria Youth Program - Air conditioning and basic equipment -Auspiced by Youth Link Up Service	NT Police	Macdonnell	40,000
Ali Curung Youth Program - Short term youth development worker @ Ali Curung - Auspiced by Youth Link Up Service	NT Police	Barkly	40,000
Community Boat - Angurugu	NT Police	East Arnhem	46,500
Blue Light Disco equipment & support	NT Police	Various	50,000

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Gunbalanya - Basketball Court Upgrade	NT Police	West Arnhem	60,000
Deadly Digital Multimedia - Docker River & Tiwi Islands	NT Police	Various	80,000
Papunya Youth Program - Upgrade facilities and provide basic equipment. Auspiced by Youth Link Up Service	NT Police	Macdonnell	80,000
Ali Curung Youth Program - Renovations to Recreation Hall @ Ali Curung Auspiced by Youth Link Up Service	NT Police	Barkly	90,000
Gunbalanya Youth Program Facility Upgrade.	NT Police	West Arnhem	200,000
Borrooloola CGC - Borrooloola Youth Development Unit - Upgrade facilities	NT Police	Roper Gulf	200,000
GBM Flexible Funding Pool YDA - Oval Lights	LGANT	Victoria / Daly	482,000
Arltarpitta - Upgrade Softball diamond	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Barkly	10,000
Gunbalanya - Sporting & Play Equipment	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	East Arnhem	15,000
Ampilatwatja - Sport and Recreation Shed	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Barkly	20,000
Ramingining - Basketball Court	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	East Arnhem	25,000
Gunbalanya - Upgrade Football Oval	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	East Arnhem	30,000
YDA Operational	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Darwin City	40,000
Daguragu - Basketball Courts Upgrade	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Victoria / Daly	50,000
Pirlangimpi - Sports & Rec Centre Upgrade	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Tiwi Islands	70,000
Bulman - Sport & Rec Centre Renovations	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Roper Gulf	80,000

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Belyuen - Sport & Rec Hall & Football oval Up Grade	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Victoria / Daly	100,000
Jilkminggan - New Basketball/Netball Courts	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	Victoria / Daly	250,000
Galiwin'ku -Upgrade basketball court	Department Of Local Government, Housing And Sport	East Arnhem	240,000
YDA Regional Network	Australian Red Cross Society	Darwin City	0
Central Australia			50,000
			15,551
			2,913,051
Construction of BMX track, purchase bikes and equipment & lighting.	Numbulwar Numburindi Community Government Council	Roper Gulf	100,000
Gapuwiyak - YDA FFP R1 - Recreation Hall Upgrade	Gapuwiyak Community Incorporated	East Arnhem	84,205
Purchase of disco lighting and sound equipment for Blue Light Discos and community dance competitions at Gapuwiyak.	Gapuwiyak Community Incorporated	East Arnhem	5,706
Sport and recreation hall upgrade	Angurugu Community Government Council	East Arnhem	91,000
			52,294
			333,205
Katherine Youth in Action	Youth WorX NT	Katherine	260,000
Core of Life Katherine Region Expansion Activity commenced - To deliver the Core of Life to Ngukurr, Minyerri and Jilkminggan.	Menzies Inc	Katherine	85,000
Bulman / Weemol - recreational equipment	Nyirrunggulung Mardruk Regional Council	Roper Gulf	25,000
Ngukurr - repair basketball facilities	Yugul Mangi Community Government Council	Roper Gulf	26,564
Purchase Audio/Visual Equipment - Ngukurr	Yugul Mangi Community Government Council	Roper Gulf	2,600
Purchase Disco/Theatre Equipment	Daguragu Community Government	Victoria / Daly	40,400

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	Council		
Sporting equipment and storage facility - Daguragu/Kalkaringi.	Daguragu Community Government Council	Victoria / Daly	7,300
To purchase Sporting equipment and provide other diversionary activities for Binjari Youth to participate in various sporting activities.	Wardaman Aboriginal Corporation	Katherine	21,500
			468,364
Wutunugurra - Engaging Young Men Through Music	Papulu Apparr Kari Aboriginal Corporation	Barkly	13,500
Wutunugurra - Mentoring Through Art	Papulu Apparr Kari Aboriginal Corporation	Barkly	13,440
			26,940
Red Sun Solutions Music Program. CAPSSU	Red Sun Solutions	Central Desert	400,000
			400,000
Procurement plan for provision of music workshop and dance for life program.	Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA)	Alice Springs	217,740
NTER April 2008 School Holiday Program CAPSSU - NTER YDA	Red Sun Solutions	Central Desert	100,000
GBM YDA WETT - Nyirripi - Willowra - Lajamanu - Purchase of Sport and Recreation Equipment and Trailers - Upgrade and repair of office and accommodation - Nyirripi - Youth Worker Accommodation additions	Mt Theo/Yuendumu Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corp	Central Desert	176,000
NTER - CAPSSU - In School Music Program	Red Sun Solutions	Central Desert	150,000

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NTER - CAPSSU - BMX Activities Program	D and D Augey Pty Ltd - trading as The Brokenspoke	Central Desert	200,000
To deliver services to children and youth residing in remote communities in NT Central Desert Region.	Red Sun Solutions	Alice Springs	400,000
Central Desert Building Pathways Training Program CAPSSU- NTER YDA	Mission Australia - Northern Territory Division	Central Desert	250,000
Areyonga Regional Council - Covered shade area over pool.	Areyonga Community Inc	Macdonnell	20,000
Ikuntji Community Government Council - Refurbishment and upgrade of community hall. Improvements to football court, basketball court, Upgrade softball Court	Ikuntji Community Council Inc.	Macdonnell	80,000
Youth Drop In Centre Fit Out	Walungurru Community Council Aboriginal Corporation	Macdonnell	20,000
Refurbishment of music studio and purchase of new music equipment.	Papunya Community Council	Macdonnell	30,000
Youth drop in centre renovations.	Centre for Appropriate Technology	Macdonnell	120,000
Gap Youth Centre	GAP Youth Centre		320,000
Holiday Program	Tangentyere		73,610
			2,157,350

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			2007-2008 Approved Amount
			\$ 8,521,910

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The NT Youth Diversionary Regional Network - \$1.79million

The Australian Red Cross Northern Territory Division is funded to facilitate the NT Regional Youth Development Network in the Victoria/Daly and West Arnhem regions. The project objectives are:

- (a) Bring about an increase in the quality, quantity and coherence of diversionary activities for young people aged between 10-20 years across two targeted regions, Victoria/Daly and West Arnhem, throughout the 2nd half of the 07/08 financial year; and
- (b) Seed the development of a sustainable regional network of youth oriented services and youth leaders that will commit to work together to develop, secure broad endorsement and implement an integrated youth diversion plan across the region. It is intended that the plan will map, build on and strengthen what exists, develop new initiatives that respond to gaps and ensure that the suite of offerings identified make up a coherent and well targeted package of diversionary activities.

Service Provider	Description	Community	Progress as at 23.05.08
AFLNT	Program to train umpires and coaches and develop new junior leagues	Maningrida and Oenpelli	AFLNT has completed Oenpelli with 10 participants completing Level 1 Coaching and Level 0 Umpiring. Junior leagues have begun competition.
Balunu Foundation	Spiritual healing camps and activities for youth diversion with participants engaged from consultation from community.	Maningrida	The first nine day camp has been completed in April with the next being mid June. Workshops are currently being held with participants.
Boxing NT	Training that includes healthy lifestyle choices and discipline and mentorship.	Warruwi and Minjilang	Communities have been contacted with program to begin May/June.
GREATS Maningrida Youth Festival	Youth festival for 19 th -21 st June	Maningrida	Youth have organised the festival with bands, basketball, swimming, dance offs and various stalls organised.
Hand Me Down – Browns Mart	Traditional stories being told by music and dance and to be recorded and produced in Darwin.	Jabiru	Elders have been contacted with stories being gathered. Post production beginning in Darwin early June.
Indigenous Cultural	Event management and	Warruwi, Jabiru,	Workshops have begun in Jabiru with other communities beginning in June.

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Resources – Browns Mart	production of music workshops	Daly River and Minjilang	
Lipalipa – Browns Mart	Production of canoe using traditional methods and being decorated around traditional stories and dance	Maningrida	Tree has been cut down and work on canoe has begun. Women are producing the sail from Pandanus with decorations being started. Another canoe is to be made.
Living Youth Community Video – Browns Mart	Youth to record traditional stories in their country involving production of DVDs and music.	Wadeye	Drama and video crew ready for production end of may with all equipment purchased. Stories are being gathered in consultation with elders.
NT Music Workshops – Browns Mart	Workshops for the development of indigenous musical culture including production, marketing, managing cultural events and community celebrations.	Maningrida, Jabiru, Oenpelli, Daly River, Warruwi Minjilang and Wadeye.	Contact has been made with all communities and workshop (4) will begin June.
Hoops 4 Health	Development of basketball with focus on leadership and healthy lifestyle choices.	Maningrida, Jabiru, Oenpelli, Daly River, Warruwi, Minjilang and Wadeye.	3 day camps have been held in all communities with H4H organising Red Cross Community Challenge Basketball Carnival in Darwin 13 th June with teams from all communities. Will also be involved in Maningrida Festival with Warruwi Womens Team vs Maningrida Womens Team
Keep Australia Beautiful	Litter awareness education program that involves students in schools learning the correct rubbish disposal and comparing to the 'old days'	Maningrida, Oenpelli, Jabiru, Daly River, Minjilang, Warruwi and Wadeye.	All communities have dates booked in with Daly River (2 schools) being completed and rubbish disposal being organised with participants in regards to upcoming Merepean Festival in that community.

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Life Be In It	Activities around physical well being and life skills that are fun and interactive. This includes team building, physical well being and self esteem and mental well being.	Oenpelli, Wadeye and Jabiru	Will be commencing program in Jabiru in June and Wadeye during their festival. Have organised with NAPCAN to unite forces in Oenpelli in June.
Minjilang Arts	Art instruction program with focus on traditional methods and marketing and production of art for exhibitions.	Minjilang	Elders have been engaged for the instruction of art with youth and classes have been going since beginning of April.
Royal Life Saving	Local people are engaged to assist in 3 day camps that involve leadership, mentorship, healthy lifestyle choices and physical activities.	Maningrida, Oenpelli, Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Daly River and Wadeye.	All communities have been contacted with West Arnhem having camp in Maningrida and Victoria River/Daly Shire having camp in Daly River. Extra activities have included fishing, boating safety and emergency response activities. RLS will also be involved in Maningrida festival by holding swimming carnival.
SAM – Red Cross	Works to promote health and well being of young people by providing education, service and support on key, current and emerging health issues, particularly those related to alcohol and other drug use.	Warruwi, Minjilang, Daly River, Oenpelli and Jabiru.	Contact has been made with all communities with activities to begin end of May in Jabiru after consultation with youth services in Jabiru.
Skinnyfish Music	Development of music, video and dance. This also includes	Wadeye, Oenpelli (Mamawaderrie) and Warruwi	All programs have been commenced in communities. Bands are being formed and will be represented at Barunga festival. Mandy DVDs have been produced. Equipment has been purchased for Warruwi that will be kept in the

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	participants doing their own management, production and exhibitions. This is a 12 week program.		community and the school will include music as a subject for students. Wadeye now has a music room that can be used and are working closely with Browns Mart with the collection and exhibiting of traditional stories from country.
Touch Football NT	Program involves engaging youth (15-20 yrs) to become Austouch Leaders and organising clinics for 10-15yrs in the Touch program. Each clinic lasts for 1 week.	Daly River, Maningrida, Minjilang and Jabiru.	Contacts have been made with all communities with the Daly River clinics being completed. This program is very popular now and they have been asked back.
Warruwi Arts	Art instruction program with focus on traditional methods and marketing and production of art for exhibitions.	Warruwi	Elders have been engaged for the instruction of art with youth and classes have been going since beginning of April. All materials have been gathered by traditional methods and excursion with participants to Darwin to visit galleries has been organised.
Warruwi Community Camp	A series of camps amounting to 20 days to encourage leadership, mentorship and cultural awareness.	Warruwi	All camping equipment has been organised. So far there has not been a camp held, but it will be going ahead in June.
Wadeye 2008	The purchase of sporting equipment for the community and school, music equipment and participation in media workshops.	Wadeye	This is a very new program and has been developed by the Wadeye community. The community has a very active youth who have become involved in softball (girls) and have no equipment. Media workshops will involve 8 students and including 3 mentors will travel to Garma festival.

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**T21 Response to question asked earlier today regarding the
Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP)**

Question: In response to the question from Senator Crossin regarding who from the Australian Government participates in the meetings that take place between the Northern Territory and Australian Governments:

Answer: The Australian Government is represented on two committees.

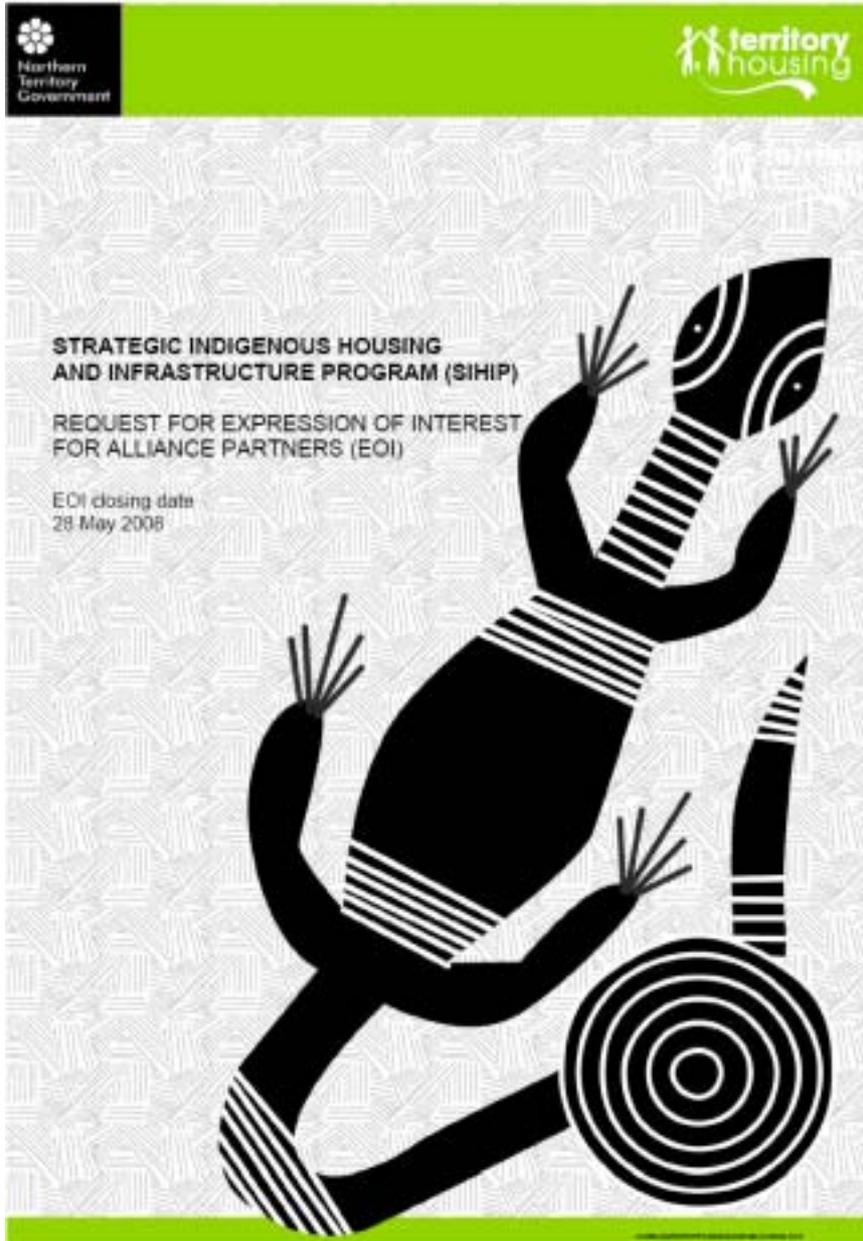
- One is the Strategic Alliance Leadership Team, which oversees Strategic Indigenous Housing and Indigenous Program operational arrangements. The Australian Government is represented on this committee by the:
 - Branch Manager, Remote Delivery Branch and the
 - Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Manager, FaHCSIA Northern Territory Office.

- The second is the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program Steering Committee which makes key decisions about the program, including the approval of individual works packages. The Australian Government is represented on this committee by the:
 - Group Manager, Indigenous Remote Services Delivery Group
 - Branch Manager, Remote Delivery Branch, and the
 - State Manager, FaHCSIA Northern Territory Office

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Question No: 139

Topic: Community Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How many new stores have been opened this year?

Answer:

At 31 June 2008, there had not been any new stores opened. Two (2) new stores, Nguru–Walalja (Country Shop) store in Yuendumu and Wutunugurra (Epenarra) store, are expected to open and be operational by the end of August 2008.

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Question No: 140

Topic: Community Stores

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How many community stores have been licensed in the last 3 months?

Answer:

In the period 1 April to 30 June 2008, a total of 31 Community Stores have been licensed.

This includes:

- 14 licences issued as store specific licences;
- 7 stores operating under the Outback Stores corporate licence;
- 4 stores operating under the Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) corporate licence; and
- 6 stores operating under ALPA consultancy arrangements.

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Question No: 050

Topic: NTER – Community Capability Fund

Hansard Page: CA47 3/6

Senator Adams asked:

How large is the fund in dollar terms as part of the overall measure?

Answer:

The Community Capability Fund is \$8 million.

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Question No: 061

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I note that the list of indicators previously tabled doesn't include anything relating to the area of child protection (i.e. numbers of child protection workers, development of culturally and age appropriate education information about child safety, how and who to go to in the event of assaults etc.)

Answer:

The performance indicators currently used for the Safe Houses in the Northern Territory are:

- Number of community accessing the safe houses
- Number of people accessing the safe houses
- Number of family safety plans developed
- Number of programs delivered through each safe house
- Number of Indigenous people employed to operate safe houses

These performance indicators are currently under review and will be amended to reflect the results of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Review. Any revised indicators will be designed to adequately reflect achievements against intended outcomes of the measure.

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Question No: 062

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Does the Government intend to specifically evaluate what it has achieved in the areas of child protection? How is this to be done?

Answer:

On 6 June 2008 Minister Macklin announced the Terms of Reference, and membership of the Board to undertake an independent review of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER). The NTER Review Board will examine evidence and assess the overall progress of the NTER in improving safety and wellbeing of children and laying the basis for a sustainable and better future for residents of remote communities in the Northern Territory.

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Question No: 064

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Do you have the relevant Baseline Data?

Answer:

The Department is currently negotiating with the Northern Territory Government around the provision of child protection baseline data.

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Question No: 065

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the Government currently compiling statistics on –

- The development of and availability of culturally and age appropriate education information about child safety [including how to report and who to go to in case of assaults?]
- The development of and availability of child protection training programs for community workers?
- The development of and availability of child safety programs for schools?

Answer:

Statutory responsibility for child protection rests with the Northern Territory Government (NTG). The Commonwealth is providing additional support in the form of funding to the NTG to assist them with meeting this obligation, particularly in the form of funding to a Mobile Child Protection team and Remote Aboriginal Family & Community Workers.

Beyond this contribution, the NTG has a broader responsibility to provide supportive “wraparound” activities and services aimed at preventing, identifying and reducing child abuse in Northern Territory communities.

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Question No: 066

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What is the level of new Commonwealth funding for child protection workers in 08/09?

Answer:

Statutory responsibility for child protection rests with the Northern Territory Government (NTG). The Australia Government is providing additional support in the form of funding to the NTG to assist them with meeting this obligation, particularly in the form of funding to a Mobile Child Protection team and Remote Aboriginal Family & Community Workers. The specific level of funding to be assigned for child protection workers is the subject of negotiation between the Australian Government and the NTG.

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Question No: 069

Topic: Child Protection Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What initiatives and resources have been put in place in regard to community information and education about how to report child abuse?

Answer:

The Family Support Package includes funding for Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers (RAFCWs). These workers will deliver liaison and support services to Aboriginal families and communities. In addition the workers will help link families with local family violence/safe house programs, night patrols, mental health workers, child health workers and health services as necessary and appropriate.

Beyond this contribution, the Northern Territory Government has statutory responsibility for the child protection system in the Northern Territory, and for providing community information around it.

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Question No: 070

Topic: Child Protection Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What tools or materials have been published? Can you table them?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Emergency Response Taskforce and the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs staff have undertaken a number of activities to assist with promoting public understanding of the intervention measures. These have included visiting affected communities, addressing various forums, using external networks, and engaging with the media.

Beyond this, the Northern Territory Government has a broader responsibility to provide information on the Northern Territory child protection system, as well as information aimed at preventing and reducing child abuse in Northern Territory communities.

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Question No: 072

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Has the Commonwealth provided funds to this body to undertake community education activities? If so how much?

Answer:

This taskforce is led by the Northern Territory Police, with some input from the Australian Federal Police. FaHCSIA is unable to respond further, as the Department has no involvement in this taskforce.

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Question No: 073

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What community information resources for communities have been produced?

Answer:

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Question No: 074

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What conditions or performance indicators are attached to these funds?

Answer:

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Question No: 075

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What arrangements are in place to evaluate how this money is spent?

Answer:

This taskforce is led by the Northern Territory Police, with some input from the Australian Federal Police. FaHCSIA is unable to respond further, as the Department has no involvement in this taskforce.

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Question No: 076

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I have heard reports that NT FaCS are receiving hundreds of reports about child neglect and abuse each week. Is this correct?

Answer:

This taskforce is led by the Northern Territory Police, with some input from the Australian Federal Police. FaHCSIA is unable to respond further, as the Department has no involvement in this taskforce.

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Question No: 077

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is this data being passed on and included in the evaluation of the NTER? How many of these calls relate specifically to prescribed communities?

Answer:

A 12-month review of the NTER was announced in June 2008. The provision of available data, requested by the Review Board, is currently underway.

This taskforce is led by the Northern Territory Police, with some input from the Australian Federal Police. FaHCSIA is unable to respond further, as the Department has no involvement in this taskforce.

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Question No: 078

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Do you have comparative rates of reporting on child neglect and abuse for non-Aboriginal communities in the NT?

Answer:

This taskforce is led by the Northern Territory Police, with some input from the Australian Federal Police. FaHCSIA is unable to respond further, as the Department has no involvement in this taskforce.

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Question No: 080

Topic: Community Based Child Protection Strategies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What training programs are in place?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government has responsibility for providing ongoing training and development in this area.

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Question No: 081

Topic: Community Based Child Protection Strategies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is it true to say that your focus of your approach to child protection in the NT is on investigation and enforcement?

Answer:

The aim of the Northern Territory Emergency Response is to protect children and make communities safe as well as creating a better future for Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. The Australian Government is working in partnership with the NT Government and other agencies to improve outcomes for indigenous children. This includes implementing preventative and early intervention activities and support services, as well as investigation and enforcement in relation to child protection.

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Question No: 082

Topic: Community Based Child Protection Strategies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In relation to the money that is given to the NT Government (NT FACS) for child protection service – what arrangements are in place to ensure that services and support are delivered in a timely and effective way?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) is held accountable to the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on the delivery of services through a Funding Agreement. The Funding Agreement includes detailed milestones, including the provision of activity reports, which the NTG must comply with in order to receive payment. Activity reports include the provision of information around timeliness and quality

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Question No: 095

Topic: Internal migration associated with the Northern Territory Emergency Response

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In answers to questions on notice from additional estimates hearings in February regarding the movement on people into town and interstate – it would seem the Department has not been tracking or monitoring these movements or specifically responding to the issue:
Since then does the Department have any data on the movement of people into towns and interstate as a result of the intervention?

Answer:

Anecdotal evidence suggests there has been some movement; however there is no definitive data available to confirm the nature and extent of any movement.

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Question No: 096

Topic: Movement of People

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What has the Department done in response to the stories of movement of people from the NT to Mt Isa?

Answer:

Traditionally there has been considerable cross-border movement, with Mount Isa being a major geographical destination for many Northern Territory people with family ties in the area. However, in the past twelve months there is some evidence of non-traditional movement into Mount Isa from areas as far away as western Northern Territory.

The Department is taking a leading role in the recently re-activated Government Coordination Group in Mount Isa. Along with State Government agencies, Local Council and non-Government agencies, the Group is looking at a Whole of Government and Community approach to address the impact of transient people coming to Mount Isa and the associated pressures being placed on services, in particular homelessness.

The Department continues to work closely with Centrelink to identify people who have moved from the Northern Territory and are experiencing difficulty as a result of Income Management. Centrelink has put in place alternatives for store cards and Centrepay to alleviate any financial hardship for individuals and families.

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Question No: 097

Topic: Internal migration associated with the Northern Territory Emergency Response

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Why is it the responsibility of the NT Government to provide data on the increased numbers of people living in the long grass – given the likelihood/possibility the increases are a result of the Intervention?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government collects data because it provides funding to community sector organisations that directly support people living in the long grass.

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Question No: 102

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What has happened to the people taken off CDEP already?

Answer:

Following the transition of CDEP providers, about 25% of participants moved into jobs either as part of the Northern Territory jobs package or through finding other employment. The majority of individuals who did not find jobs moved onto Income Support and participated in Transition Activities or other employment services.

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Question No: 103

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many have found 'real' jobs ? And how many have been placed on other welfare payments – which welfare payments ?
How many have neither a job or welfare payment ?

Answer:

As at the end of May 2008, approximately 490 positions were created through the Northern Territory jobs package, this included Federal Government and Northern Territory Government jobs.

Also at the end of May 2008, there were approximately 1,500 former CDEP participants in receipt of an income support payment:

- Newstart Allowance 65%;
- Parenting Payment (Single/Partnered) 17%;
- Youth Allowance 12%; and
- Age Pension, Carer Pension, Disability Support Pension 6%.

There are approximately 200 former CDEP participants not identified as moving into a job or receiving income support payments. This may be because the participant chose not to apply for or was not eligible for income support, or the provider did not record that the participant moved into a job.

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Question No: 104

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Watson asked:

How many of the CDEP providers did not met their Key Performance Indicators ?

Answer:

As at the end of May 2008, there were 147 CDEP providers across Australia, including the 16 transition activity providers in the Northern Territory. All the CDEP providers for 2007-08 are meeting or exceeding one or more of the four Key Performance Indicators (Employment, Community, Quality and Business Development).

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Question No: 105

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Watson asked:

Since 1 January 2008 how many CDEP participants have been placed in paid employment.

Answer:

Between 1 January and 31 May 2008, there have been 1,676 CDEP participants placed into non-CDEP employment.

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Question No: 106

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many providers are on the CDEP panel?

Answer:

There are 147 organisations contracted to deliver the CDEP program.

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Question No: 107

Topic: Tangentyere Safe House

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the Federal Government continuing to fund the Tangentyere Safe Families Program? If funding is continuing, how much is the Federal Government contributing?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government assumed responsibility for this project from 1 July 2008. The Australian Government is contributing \$15,000 to the project in 2008-09 upon receipt of the final evaluation and acquittal report for the funding provided in 2008-07.

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Question No: 109

Topic: Tangentyere Safe House

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is funding still being delivered through the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Program? If not, what program is the funding coming through?

Answer:

From 1 July 2008, funding for the Safe Families Project will be provided to Tangentyere by the Northern Territory Government.

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Question No: 111

Topic: Tangentyere Safe House

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the Department aware the current funding runs out in June and the providers are unable to indicate whether sufficient funding will be provided for 2008-09 to continue this successful program?

Answer:

From 1 July 2008, responsibility for the Tangentyere Safe Families project transferred to the Northern Territory Government. They have confirmed that they will fund Tangentyere Council for 3 years to 30 June 2011.

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Question No: 112

Topic: Tangentyere Safe House

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Are alternative housing and support arrangements available for these children in July should this program cease?

Answer:

The Safe Families Program will continue from 1 July 2008 under the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government.

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Question No: 117

Topic: Umoona – Municipal Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Who receives the funding and for what?

Answer:

The one-off funding package for Umoona is provided as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$ 35,000	District Council of Coober Pedy	Rubbish collection and road maintenance
\$280,000	Umoona Community Council	Administrative support & community capacity development

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Question No: 118

Topic: Umoona – Municipal Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Has there been an evaluation of the arrangement for 2007/08?

Answer:

The evaluation of all housing arrangements including Indigenous housing, are currently being considered as part of the Council of Australian Governments reform process.

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Question No: 119

Topic: Umoona – Municipal Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is there an intention to evaluate the current arrangements?

Answer:

The current arrangements will be evaluated as part of the Australian Government's broader Municipal Service reforms in conjunction with the South Australian Government and as part of the Departments standard funding process.

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Question No: 122

Topic: Indigenous Mothers Accommodation Fund

Hansard Page: CA11 3/6

Senator Adams asked:

Of the three established facilities what services are provided at these facilities? Are there professional personnel such as nurses, midwives, counsellors at these facilities? How long on average does the department expect the women to stay in these facilities and are they limited to a certain time?

Answer:

All three services offer a common set of core services with additional services varying due to demand and capacity. All facilities have a policy of employing Indigenous staff where possible and providing cultural and language support for their clients. The staff employed at the facilities are not medical staff. All facilities have strong links to appropriate health services and facilities. The length of stay for clients is dependent on individual medical advice but the average amount of time for a client to stay is four to six weeks.

The core services provided by these facilities include the following:

- Culturally appropriate residential accommodation services
- Assistance in arranging appointments and transport required to access health services
- Indigenous staff to attend clients appointments if required
- Informal care and training by staff with experience in parenting
- Language services where required.

Two facilities offer additional services.

The Mookai Rosie Bi-Bayan facility at Cairns in north Queensland offers:

- Primary health care
- Health education, support and advocacy
- In-house counselling and assistance with life skills.
- Leisure activities
- Playgroup

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The Mirtawanyjarri Mili Maya, Pilbara Indigenous Women's Group at Port Hedland in northern Western Australia offers:

- Services targeted to very young clients from 14-18 years
- Traditional care encompassing traditional birthing ceremonies bush medicine baths, and traditional food if requested
- Formal training in positive parenting, nutrition and life skills.

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Question No: 125

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA17 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Is last year's study done by Connell Wagner available publicly?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) has advised that they are not prepared to publicly release the Program Delivery Strategy report. The NTG has advised that the Program Delivery Strategy report includes descriptions of the capacity of indigenous communities and responses from companies which, if made public, could impact on their competitive position. However, they have provided a summary of the first section of the report, which is the phase of the study that recommended the use of a strategic alliance. This report is attached as a separate document to this response.

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PROPOSED CONTRACTING METHODOLOGY
STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS HOUSING PROGRAM

Background

The Australian Government through the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is to deliver the Strategic Interventions Program. The Strategic Interventions Program includes three components:

- a. The Strategic Interventions Housing Program;
- b. Land tenure reform; and
- c. the transitioning the management of remote indigenous housing Northern Territory from local organisations into the Public Housing System

The Strategic Interventions Housing Program (the Program) has a budget of \$93.4 million and is to be delivered through direct funding of the Northern Territory Government through an Inter-Government Funding Agreement. The Northern Territory Government is separately funding a \$100 million housing program, and intends to integrate the delivery with the Australian Government funded Strategic Interventions Housing Program taking the total value of the works to \$193.4 million. The Program includes the construction of new houses, refurbishment of houses and land servicing and supporting infrastructure. For the purposes of this discussion paper the combined Australian Government and Northern Territory Government programs are described as the Strategic Interventions Housing Program (the Program).

Best Practice Method for Contracting Methodology Analysis

Both FaCSIA and the Northern Territory Government intend to select the most suitable contracting methodology to optimise the outcomes for the Program. This selection is to take into account the type of work, the logistic and environmental conditions, and the targeted social outcome of indigenous employment and training. To achieve the best possible outcome the Governments agreed to carry out a Contracting Methodology analysis and, following approval of the Contracting Methodology, develop a detail Program Delivery Strategy. Following a select tender between the three Northern Territory based project management consultant firms that had the skills to carry out the analysis, Connell Wagner Pty Ltd (Connell Wagner) were engaged by the Northern Territory Government to provide the services.

Contracting Methodology and Program Delivery Strategy

Contracting Methodology

Connell Wagner's scope of services includes the development of a Contracting Methodology as described in this paper. The Contracting Methodology process is now complete and the report has been considered and received endorsement from the Northern Territory Housing Board, however is awaiting sign-off by the Northern Territory Minister for Local Government Housing and Sport. On agreement by the Minister, the Northern Territory Government will request agreement from FaCSIA to the Contracting Methodology. On agreement Connell Wagner will develop the detailed Program Delivery Strategy.

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Program Delivery Strategy

The Program Delivery Strategy includes the detail required to deliver the program and includes:

- a. Detailed Program Objectives;
- b. Risk Management Plan;
- c. Program Organisational Structure and Roles and Responsibilities;
- d. recommended Program Governance arrangements (meetings, reports ect);
- e. Draft Master program;
- f. Procurement plan;
- g. Communications and Design Endorsement Plan;
- h. Program Approvals Matrix;
- i. Local community involvement Plan;
- j. Stakeholder Management Plan;
- k. Quality Management Plan.

Establishment of Program Objectives

The first step in the process was the establishment of objectives for the Program. The Program objectives were developed in consultation with FaCSIA and the Northern territory Government. The seven program objectives that have been established are:

- a. Housing Outcomes
The program provides housing that meets the residents' needs and effectively reduces overcrowding in selected communities.
- b. Quality
New and existing houses are constructed and refurbished to current NT Public Housing and the National Indigenous Housing Guide standards.
- c. Time
The Commonwealth funded component of the program is completed by June 2010 and the Northern Territory component of the program is completed by June 2012.
- d. Cost
The whole of life cost of delivering and managing houses is reduced from those delivered during 2005-2006, through innovation in design and construction of housing.
- e. Social and Economic Outcomes
The program provides opportunities for training and employment of indigenous people to achieve a sustainable workforce in each community for the ongoing construction, maintenance and management of housing.
- f. Management Best Practices
To implement a step change improvement in the delivery of major housing program in the NT and use this as a basis for the delivery of a range of future housing program and schemes.
- g. Relationships
The achievement of tangible benefits for all parties, including the communities, involved in the delivery of the program through the fostering of positive interrelationships.

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Inefficiency of Current Program Delivery Methods

Recent housing programs have been small and have not been able to achieve efficiencies of scale. The general delivery model is through a single lump sum contract, where it appears the contractors have been pricing a high level of risk, without FaCSIA understanding what the risk premium is for, and as the work is a one-off the contractors have had no incentive for either a quality outcome or to share savings from unused risk premium. The indigenous employment and training outcomes have not been consistently achieved. A Contracting Methodology must be selected that addresses these issues.

Contracting Methodology Analysis and Recommendation

The process proposed followed by the Connell Wagner in the analysis of the Contracting Methodology is as follows:

- a. Analysis of the Supply Chain required for the delivery of the Program
- b. Initial weighted assessment of full range of contracting methodologies;
- c. Short-listing of contracting methodologies based on initial assessment;
- d. Market sounding and community engagement;
- e. Review of short-listed methodologies considering market sounding and community engagement; and
- f. Detailed analysis of best two remaining contracting methodologies;
- g. Risk assessment of preferred contracting methodologies; and
- h. recommendation for preferred contracting methodologies.

Supply Chain Analysis

The working group carried out an analysis of the tiers of the supply chain. To engage individually with each service provider, the Northern Territory may have to deal with as many as eighteen types of suppliers in the supply chain. This supply chain analysis informed the consideration of the procurement options, as different procurement options enabled the combination of different parts of the supply chain.

Range of Procurement Options Considered

The full range of contracting methodologies suitable for a large construction program was considered. The methodologies considered included:

- a. Traditional Lump Sum;
- b. Design and Construct;
- c. Managing Contractor;
- d. Construction Management;
- e. Alliance Partnering;
- f. Design Build Operate and Maintain;
- g. Public Private Partnerships; and
- h. Panel Contracting.

Panel contracting is not a contracting methodology in itself, as engagement of a Panel member still requires a contracting methodology to be applied. Panel Contracting is an overlay to a Construction

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Methodology, for example works could be delivered through a Panel of Lump Sum Contractors, a Panel of Management Contractors, or a Panel of Alliance Partners.

Initial Analysis of Procurement Options

Key Assessment Attributes

The working group developed twenty key attributes that were considered essential for the contracting methodology to deliver the Program Objective successfully. These attributes are considered as elements of success and were developed with particular consideration for the remoteness of the locations, current industry conditions, environmental conditions, and lessons learned from previous programs and projects. The most important of these attributes include:

- a. Achievement of efficiencies of scale;
- b. Integrated teams to deliver the services;
- c. Transparency of pricing;
- d. Ability to price and transfer risk (principally logistics and environmental conditions)
- e. Ability to link the construction activity to operation and maintenance (to provide best whole of life outcomes);
- f. Community involvement in design and construction process;
- g. Achievement of high quality outcomes; and
- h. Employment and training opportunities for communities.

Method of Assessment

Each contracting methodology was evaluated in a matrix against each of the twenty key attributes and given a score between -3 and 3. A negative score was awarded where the contracting methodology impeded a positive outcome of that attribute, a positive score where it contributed to a positive outcome. Both a raw, non weighted score was calculated by adding the scores together for each of the 20 attributes. A weighted score was also calculated by applying the weighting to each of the attributes.

Outcome

The outcome of the initial analysis resulted in only three of the methodologies receiving positive scores and hence being considered workable. These were, in order of weighed scores:

- a. Highest Score - Alliance Partnership;
- b. Second Highest Score - Managing Contractor; and
- c. Third Highest Score - Construction Management

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Contracting Methodologies to take forward

These methodologies were assessed at this stage as being suitable for either as a stand alone activity or applied through a Panel arrangement. The working group considered the merits of Managing Contractor against Construction Manager, and considered that the fundamental process was similar, and as the Managing Contractor methodology allowed stronger early contractor involvement that only Managing Contractor would be taken forward for further evaluation. This resulted in four contracting methodologies remaining in consideration following the initial evaluation. These were:

- a. Managing Contractor (stand alone);
- b. Managing Contractor (panel arrangement);
- c. Alliance Partnering (stand alone); and
- d. Alliance Partnering (panel arrangement).

Market Sounding

The market sounding involved conducting interviews with 25 companies, ranging from the largest construction contractors in Australia to small locally based contractors. The companies were described in three tiers:

- a. Tier 1 Contractors – Contractor such as Bovis Lend Lease John Holland and Leighton Contractors that generally operate at projects above \$100 million level, and can deliver projects and programs of any complexity.
- b. Tier 2 Contractors – Contractors such as Sitzler Brothers, that are Northern Territory based and possibly operate in a number of states but do not have a national presence. They can take on projects and programs with a value up to \$50 million with some design management capability.
- c. Tiers 3 Contractors – Small contractors such as Wild Geese, that operate only in the Northern Territory and generally with a limit of \$10 million.

The outcome of the market sounding was that the Tier 1 contractors were not generally interested unless the value for their work would be above \$200 million, and would generally not be interested if this work was spread out over 5 years. The companies in all three Tiers were interested in either alliance partnering or management contracting, however more had experience in management contracting. The best experience in achieving indigenous employment and training were the Tier 3 contracts.

Community Consultation

Eight communities were assessed for their ability to participate positively in the Program. This evaluation included four key elements:

- a. Labour force capacity;
- b. Training links and supports already established
- c. Existing capacity of community owned small to medium businesses;
- d. Ability to participate in partnering

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The outcome of the community testing was that there was a wide discrepancy between in all elements between communities. There were some communities, such as the Tiwi Islands, where there we reasonably strong in all areas. There were also some communities, such as Maningrita, where they we weak in all areas, and pose a risk to the successful delivery of the Program. From the analysis of the contracting methodologies, the alliance partnering would give the greatest opportunity to engage with the community to establish training and employment targets and methodologies to deliver.

Review of the Short-Listed Contracting Methodologies

The outcome of the market sounding confirmed that the only contractors capable of delivering the Program as a single entity were the Tier 1 contractors. The Tier 1 contractors, however, did not feel that the Program would rate highly against their current opportunities, and, even if they tendered for the works would not be of sufficient interest to apply the best management team to the Program. On this basis the working group made the decision that using a contracting methodology that tendered the works to a single entity to deliver the entire Program was highly unlikely to be successful. The working group agreed to reduce the analysis to two options. These are:

- a. Managing Contractor (panel arrangement); and
- b. Alliance Partnership (panel arrangement).

Determination of the Preferred Contracting Methodology

The working group re-evaluated the remaining two contracting methodologies against the highest weighted attributes. On all of these key elements of success the Alliance Partnership scored higher the Managing Contract. This was consistent with the view of the working group that as the evaluation had progressed the advantage of the Alliance Partnership in delivering the objectives became continually more apparent.

A summary of the compelling reasons why the Alliance Partnership being delivered through a Panel arrangement is:

- a. Integrated Teams Alliance allowed the engagement of consortia with all the skills to deliver the Program early in the design process.
- b. Transparency The Alliance methodology allows the client to see the true cost of the works.
- c. Risk Transfer The Alliance brings together the full team to assess and mitigate risks.
- d. Whole of Life Costing The Alliance methodology provides a seamless link to the operation and maintenance phase of the works.
- e. Stakeholder Consultation and Community Involvement Alliance Partnering promotes integrated teams which allows for realistic community involvement at an early stage.
- f. Flexibility for Variations As the Alliance Partnering methodology is based on open book costs, variations can be easily progressed with the creating of tension;
- g. Benchmarking and Continuous Improvement The Alliance methodology allows for continuous improvement and as costs are better understood, methods to reduce cost or get better outcomes can be developed.

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- h. Time The Alliance Partnering methodology provides for incentive to beat the Target Cost and hence an incentive to deliver more quickly.
- i. Appropriate Quality Appropriate quality can be defined early in the process.
- j. Indigenous Employment and Training The early involvement of the community based business will provide realistic business, employment and training opportunities.

Risk Assessment of the Preferred Contracting Methodology

The key risks that were not mitigated by the selection of the Alliance Partnership contracting methodology, or have been introduced by the use of the Alliance Partnership contracting methodology and their mitigating strategies were assessed and are described below.

Key Risk	Mitigating Measure
Understanding of Alliance Concept	1. Alliance Advisor in Program Management team 2. Industry Open Day and Simple Tender Documents
Failure of Alliance Team	Highly skilled Program Manger with Alliance experience.
Industry Resources	Develop resource pool by engaging a Human Resources Specialist.
Difficulty in accessing Australian Government training support programs	FaCSIA representative in integrated Northern Territory Team
Construction does not link to long term / sustainable employment outcomes	Recommend to Northern Territory Government and Australian Government to link Capital Works to Refurbishment and Maintenance budgets
Target Cost higher than anticipated	Value Management through final design process.

Summary of Alliance Partnership Methodology for Strategic Interventions Housing Program

Connell Wagner and the working group including representatives of FaCSIA and the Northern Territory Government, represented by Territory Housing recommend the following contracting methodology be employed for the delivery of the Strategic Interventions Housing Program.

- a. Adopt the Alliance contracting methodology for the Program;
- b. Procure a Panel with three 'one-stop-shop' Alliance Partners
- c. Award each Alliance Partner with a single works package in the first year of the Program;
- d. Monitor costs and performance regularly;
- e. Award further communities in subsequent years on the basis of performance on earlier program;
- f. Alliance Partner stays in the community to perform maintenance work and complete training;
- g. Capital work in each community should proceed as quickly as possible;
- h. Individual programs will depend on the amount and type of work required in each community

Summary

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The method of analysing the contracting methodology has been logical and thorough. The market sounding and community consultation process has ensured that the market and the communities are able to respond to the contracting methodology. The assessment of the two feasible options was done in full consideration of the complexity of the Program and the importance in achieving all of the Program Objectives.

Connell Wagner and the members of the working group representing FaCSIA and the Northern Territory Government unanimously consider that the Alliance Panel is the contracting methodology that gives the Program the opportunity to deliver the Program Objectives for the Strategic Interventions Housing Program. In addition the working group consider that the Alliance Panel methodology will provide an excellent opportunity to link the operation and maintenance of the houses to the construction, and the development of the panel will provide FaCSIA an excellent resource for future programs and projects.

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Question No: 128

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA21/3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

Is it correct that there is no prospect of having a house built to completion under this project this side of 2011?

Answer:

It is expected that work on houses will commence in 2009. Some houses will be completed in 2009 in the first communities to receive new housing under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program.

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Question No: 129

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA21 3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

Being jointly involved in the project, what levels and positions from FaHCSIA are involved in the fortnightly meetings?

Answer:

The final structures of the committees overseeing SIHIP have only recently been finalised. The Australian Government is represented on two committees.

- One is the Strategic Alliance Leadership Team, which considers issues of strategic importance across the whole program. This Committee meets fortnightly and the Australian Government is represented on this committee by the:
 - Branch Manager, Indigenous Housing Delivery Branch and the
 - Deputy State Manager, FaHCSIA Northern Territory Office.

- The second is the Joint Steering Committee which meets monthly and makes key decisions about the program, including the approval of individual works packages. The Australian Government is represented on this committee by the:
 - Group Manager, Indigenous Remote Services Delivery Group
 - Branch Manager, Indigenous Housing Delivery Branch
 - State Manager, FaHCSIA Northern Territory Office, and the
 - Deputy State Manager, FaHCSIA Northern Territory Office.

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Question No: 132

Topic: Wudpuli and Nama

Hansard Page: CA26 3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

For the 24 houses currently built, what are the rental and purchase arrangements?

Answer:

There are four houses currently built and rented to tenants through Indigenous Business Australia. The remaining 20 houses will be occupied in September 2008. From September 2008 all 24 houses will be rented through the Northern Territory Government as public housing.

Tenants of the 24 houses will have opportunities to purchase their rental homes like other public housing tenants in the Northern Territory and through the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) program.

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Question No: 133

Topic: Wudpuli and Nama

Hansard Page: CA28 3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

At the time of construction of the 20 houses, was it anticipated at the time that these would cost around \$500k each?

Answer:

Yes. This cost includes house materials, construction and site preparation.

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Question No: 134

Topic: Alliance Contract

Hansard Page: CA36 3/6

Senator Heffernan asked:

The Secretary also committed the department to inform the committee on the contractors and processes within the NT government, including design.

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government is currently undertaking a procurement process to contract alliance partners to undertake the construction works within the 73 identified communities for the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program. The department cannot provide details of contractors or processes at this time as it is commercial in-confidence information. Once this procurement process is finalised the department will provide a briefing to the committee on the program, including information on contractors and processes.

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Question No: 135

Topic: Alliance Contract

Hansard Page: CA37 3/6

Senator Colbeck asked:

Regarding the alliance contracts, will they be going through some sort of scrutiny similar to say the public works committee, either in the NT parliament or this parliament?

Answer:

The alliance contracts will not be subject to public works committee scrutiny. The contracts will be with the Northern Territory Government which does not have an equivalent of the public works committee. However, the alliance contracts will be reviewed by the Senior Officer Advisory Group, which is an interdepartmental Northern Territory Government Committee comprising senior officials in the Northern Territory Government. Final approval of all capital projects will be through the Joint Steering Committee of which the Commonwealth is a member.

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Question No: 136

Topic: Indigenous Family Safe Houses

Hansard Page: CA42 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Can we have a list of the 16 communities who will receive safe houses?

Answer:

The 16 communities to receive safe houses under the Northern Territory Emergency Response are:

Alyangula	Ngukurr
Angurugu	Peppimenarti
Apatula (Finke)	Ramingining
Hermannsburg	Pmara Jujunta
Kalkarindji/Daguragu	Ti Tree
Lajamanu	Beswick (Wugalarr)
Maningrida	Yarralin
Nguiu (Bathurst Island)	Yuendumu

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Question No: 141

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: CA 80 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

How many more child protection workers has the NT Government put on since the intervention?

Answer:

Currently there are 8 Advanced Practitioners in place in the Mobile Child Protection Team funded through the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). Two further full-time workers are in the process of being recruited.

The package also includes funding for Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers (RAFCWs). Currently there are 10 RAFCWs and one regional coordinator operating in the Northern Territory. A further 3 workers and one regional coordinator are in the process of being recruited.

Beyond the FaHCSIA funded positions, the Northern Territory Government is responsible for recruitment of additional child protection workers.

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Question No: 142

Topic: Child Protection

Hansard Page: CA 80 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Can the Department provide an overview of the programs and resources that have been put in place to deal specifically with child protection and child abuse?

Answer:

The Family Support Package has contributed funding of \$12.3m in 2007-08 and \$9.5m in 2008-09 to assist the Northern Territory Government with regards to child protection. The package includes:

- establishing or expanding 22 safe houses in 16 remote communities and expanding safe houses in Darwin and Alice Springs
- establishing a Mobile Child Protection Team
- recruiting Aboriginal Family and Community Workers to be placed in remote communities

The other main Northern Territory Emergency Response measure that contributes towards child protection outcomes is the \$23.56m Law and Order package which includes:

- putting more police in communities to make people safe
- banning alcohol and pornography in prescribed communities
- Night Patrols

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Question No: 143

Topic: Child Protection

Hansard Page: CA80 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

What resources and initiatives have been put in place that are specifically designed to discover, investigate and prosecute cases of child sex abuse beyond the Australian Crime Commission?

Answer:

The Family Support Package includes funding for a Mobile Child Protection Team, (MCPT) designed to expand the number of child protection workers available in Northern Territory and build a team that can move quickly to communities where additional capacity is required. The MCPT supplements the Northern Territory Government's (NTG) existing resources for child protection. Beyond this, the NTG has responsibility for the child protection system within the Northern Territory.

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Question No: 193

Topic: Store cards

Hansard Page: CA51 3/6

Senator Boyce asked:

How much has the department spent on cards

Answer:

To 31 May 2008, Centrelink had spent a total of \$9,092,932.48 on store cards.

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Question No: 253

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

Is CDEP an employment programme?

Answer:

CDEP is a community development and employment program. One of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI 1) is a non-CDEP employment target and this is negotiated with each provider as part of funding negotiations.

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Question No: 255

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

Whilst administered by DEEWR, for the 12 months prior to the transfer to FaHCSIA, can you provide the details on the performance of each provider against the KPIs?

Answer:

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are targets that are agreed with each organisation as part of the broader funding negotiation process and in many cases, KPIs are stretch targets to encourage organisations to strive to improve performance. To provide the details of an individual provider's performance against the KPIs without providing a full analysis of the organisation's achievement against those targets may be misleading and such analysis would require considerable departmental resources.

In 2006-07, while the program was administered by DEWR, CDEP providers across Australia:

- Achieved 5,770 employment placements, a 56% increase on the previous year;
- Established five viable businesses with 61 additional businesses created; and
- Decreased the proportion of non-indigenous participants from four percent to two per cent.

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Question No: 256

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

How many CDEP providers did not meet their KPIs? And if non-compliance was observed, what form did this take and what action did the Department take?

Answer:

As at the end of May 2008, there were 147 CDEP providers across Australia, including 16 transition activity providers in the Northern Territory. All the CDEP providers for 2007-08 are meeting or exceeding one or more of the four Key Performance Indicators (Employment, Community, Quality and Business Development).

Failure to meet KPIs does not necessarily equate to failure to comply with the Program Funding Agreement. KPIs, particularly employment outcomes, are stretch targets aimed at increasing Indigenous employment and economic development. While not reaching targets is not a breach of the Program Funding Agreement, providers are required to make every effort to reach targets wherever possible. Past performance against KPIs is one criterion on which future funding may be determined.

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Question No: 257

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

Since 1 January 2008 how many CDEP participants have been placed in paid employment?
Was this an increase or decrease on the same period last year?

Answer:

Between 1 January 2008 and the end of May 2008 there have been 1,676 CDEP participants placed into non-CDEP employment.

A total of 5,375 employment placements were achieved in 2006-07, including urban and major regional areas where the program is no longer available. From 1 July to 31 May 2008, a total of 4,102 placements into non-CDEP employment were achieved in regional and remote areas. This compares to 3,373 placements in regional and remote areas for the same period last year, an increase of 22%.

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Question No: 258

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

How many have retained these jobs? How many are expected to retender?

Answer:

(Assuming 're-enter' rather than 'retender')

CDEP Providers are able to claim CDEP Placement Incentives (CDEPPIs) when a participant exits CDEP for non-CDEP employment and again after 13 weeks and 26 weeks of employment. The 26 week claim was introduced in 2007-08 for exits from CDEP on or after 1 July 2007 into non-CDEP employment.

From 1 July 2007, there are approximately 3,300 initial placements that are eligible for 13 week outcome payments. At the end of May 2008, 71% of these placements resulted in 13 week outcome claims by the provider and this rate will increase as subsequent claims are lodged.

CDEP is a voluntary program and, if eligible, individuals can choose to join the program at any time.

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Question No: 259

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

Has any analysis been conducted on the impact of reintroducing CDEP again?
Has the department written any advice on the impact of reintroducing CDEP?

Answer:

Yes.

Yes.

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Question No: 260

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

What has happened to all the CDEP assets?

Answer:

The Commonwealth retains a contractual and equitable interest in CDEP funded assets as per the relevant Program Funding Agreement. CDEP funded assets remain available to organisations delivering CDEP. Where a provider continues to deliver CDEP, the assets continue to be used for their funded purpose and this is the case for the majority of CDEP funded assets.

Where an organisation no longer requires grant funded assets to deliver CDEP, the organisation is either required to transfer the asset as directed by the Commonwealth, repay the original grant funds, or repay the depreciated value of the asset in relation to non-land and building assets.

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Question No: 261

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

What will the payment rate be for CDEP providers upon placing people into employment? At what point will this be paid?

Answer:

The CDEP Placement Incentive is administered by the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). DEEWR is also responsible for determining the rates of these payments

A CDEP provider can claim \$550 when a participant exits CDEP to non-CDEP employment, a further \$1,650 after 13 weeks of employment, with a final payment of \$825 after 26 weeks of employment.

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Question No: 262

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

What will be the earning potential of those on the CDEP programme?
How much of this will come from CDEP? And how much will come from other sources?

Answer:

CDEP providers are funded at an Average Per Participant (APP) rate. Participants must be given the opportunity to work sufficient hours to earn up to these rates. APP rates for 2008/09 are as follows:

For CDEP Participants living in Remote Locations:

Youth Participants – \$189.70 per week; and
Adult Participants – \$249.27 per week

For CDEP Participants living in Non-Remote Locations:

Youth Participants – \$180.60 per week; and
Adult Participants – \$224.49 per week.

Participants are able to earn more than the APP rate by working more hours. The earning potential of CDEP participants is limited to the levels of income allowed under CDEP eligibility criteria as contained within the Program Funding Agreement. Under the 2007-08 Program Funding Agreement, participants are limited to a gross quarterly income of no more than \$5,166 from CDEP Wage Funds and a gross quarterly limit of no more than \$5,166 from sources other than CDEP Wage Funds. Exceeding these amounts results in the participant being ineligible for the program. In addition to these income limits, if a CDEP participant has a non-participant partner whose gross quarterly income exceeds \$10,332 they also become ineligible.

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Question No: 263

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

Will payments received from CDEP be eligible for income quarantining?

Answer:

Under existing legislation, CDEP Scheme payments are not included in the categories of payments that are subject to the income management regime.

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Question No: 264

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

Will CDEP participants have to be registered with Job Network or its replacement? And what percentage of CDEP participants are currently registered with Job Network?

Answer:

Job Network registration continues to be a requirement for participants living in locations where a Job Network member has a permanent presence. At the end of May 2008, 26% of Participants were required to register with the Job Network. Many CDEP participants also voluntarily register with the Job Network and overall 61% of participants were registered at the end of May 2008.

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Question No: 284

Topic: Indigenous Family Violence Program

Hansard Page: CA67 3/6

Senator Heffernan asked:

Are there any family violence programs linked to safe houses?

Answer:

In 2007-08, the focus of the Family Support Package was on setting up safe houses and recruiting the Mobile Child Protection Team, Aboriginal Family & Community Workers and safe house staff. In 2008-09 the focus will shift to the operations of these safe houses and workers, as well as linked programs.

The NT Government has the responsibility for providing the linkages between safe houses and supportive services.

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Question No: 067

Topic: Child Protection Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you give me an overview of the programs and resources that have been put in place as part of the NTER to deal specifically with child protection and child sex abuse.

Answer:

The Family Support Package has contributed funding of \$12.3m in 2007-08 and \$9.5m in 2008-09 to assist the Northern Territory Government with regard to child protection. The package includes:

- establishing or expanding 22 safe houses in 16 remote communities and expanding safe houses in Darwin and Alice Springs
- establishing a Mobile Child Protection Team
- recruiting Aboriginal Family and Community Workers to be placed in remote communities
- the other main measure contributing towards child protection outcomes is the \$23.56m Law and Order package which includes:
 - putting more police in communities to make people safe
 - banning alcohol and pornography in prescribed communities
 - Night Patrols

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Question No: 099

Topic: GBM Social Worker – Support Positions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Seiwert asked:

RE: the advertisement that was run in the Weekend Australian for Social Workers to support Government Business Managers.

- Can you explain the purpose of this?
- How many positions are there to be?
- Where are they located?
- What has the turn-over rate of GBMs been?
- What have the re-location costs been?
- Do they receive special payments or leave entitlements?
- Do they have specific KPIs or targets that they have to meet?
- Does this include consultation with communities – or only with other NTER taskforces staff and service delivers?
- Are all GBMs supplied with AusStar?

Answer:

The Advertisement relates to vacancies for two Social Workers to support the Networks Government Business Managers (GBMs) located in remote Indigenous communities across the Northern Territory as part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response. Two non-ongoing positions are involved for 12 months. The positions will address a variety of issues, facilitate the induction program for newly appointed GBMs, provide a professional perspective to a range of management issues and undertake counselling and support to the GBMs. GBMs work in remote localities and are away from family and friends.

One position is located in Darwin, providing support to GBMs in the Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Darwin regions. The other position is based in Alice Springs, providing support to GBMs in the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions.

Two GBMs left before their contract expired for personal reasons. Eight GBMs have decided not to extend their original 12 month term on completion.

GBMs are entitled to air travel with excess baggage, removal and storage costs depending on circumstances. A number of GBMs have had no relocation costs.

Yes - \$25,000 per annum emergency allowance paid fortnightly (taxable and not counting for superannuation); \$10,000 remote locality allowance paid fortnightly (taxable and not counting for superannuation); \$2,000 settling in allowance as a one off payment (non-taxable

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and not counting for superannuation). GBMs also receive an extra seven days leave per annum or pro-rata equivalent.

Like all FaHCSIA employees, GBMs are required to have an Individual Performance Management Agreement in place with their supervisor. This agreement identifies key deliverables for all GBMs. A key role for GBMs is consulting with local Indigenous people within the community. This is clearly stated in their performance agreement and their role statement.

AusStar is not provided.

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Question No: 100

Topic: GBM Social Worker – Support Position

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I note that in a number of recent radio ads about GBMs being played on Larrakia radio in Darwin and CAAMA radio in Alice Springs, the community was being told that GBMs are there "... to protect government assets"? Is this their primary role? Can you explain what these government assets are, who they need protection from and why?

Answer:

Government Business Managers (GBMs) have a key role in enabling coordinated service delivery and ensuring that local Indigenous people have a central point of contact for all Australian government business at the community level. In addition, they provide support to the roll out of the NT Emergency Response.

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Question No: 123

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA12 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

There is a bilateral agreement with the NT so that we can move ahead in the NT with additional funds for the territory. Of the \$793 million over four years commencing 2007-8 how much was spent in 2007/08?

Answer:

In the 2007-08 financial year the Australian Government expended \$147 million under the Memorandum of Understanding.

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Question No: 124

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA17 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

Once you have either built the new houses or repaired the existing stocks, how many people will be living in those houses? In the 26 communities, what is the population of the community at the present time and how many houses are there?

Answer:

In the 16 communities targeted for major works as part of the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program, the Northern Territory Government has estimated an average number of people per dwelling after SIHIP. This is based on Australian Bureau of Statistic data and estimates made regarding current target costs and likely scope of works. Currently the estimated average people per dwelling is 12.4 and the estimated average people per dwelling after SIHIP is expected to be 9.1. The figure after SIHIP does not include any increase in population due to birth rates or mobility between communities.

The estimated current population and housing stock for the 16 targeted communities is at Attachment A.

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Attachment A

Housing and Population Data - July 2008

Prescribed Community	Current Population	Current Dwellings
<u>Tiwi Island</u>		
Nguiu (Bathurst Island)	1582	222
<u>West Arnhem</u>		
Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)	1486	100
Maningrida	2746	155
<u>East Arnhem</u>		
Groote Eylandt (includes three communities - Angurugu, Milyakburra & Umbukumba)	1857	264
Galiwinku (Elcho Island)	2156	142
Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)	1208	81
Milingimbi	1500	100
Yirrkala	980	83
<u>Victoria Daly</u>		
Wadeye	2675	152
<u>Roper Gulf</u>		
Ngukurr	1589	97
Numbulwar	1217	81
<u>Central Desert</u>		
Lajamanu	1162	82
Yuendumu	1000	102
<u>MacDonnell</u>		
N'Taria (Hermannsberg)	600	90
Total Major Works Communities	21758	1751

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Question No: 127

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA20 3/6

Senator Siewert asked:

There has been a consultant employed to coordinate the alliance project in the NT. Parker Brinckerhoff has been employed by the NT government as the project management company. Seeing that this is a joint agreement do you know the cost of that?

Answer:

Parsons Brinckerhoff was selected following a nationally advertised public tender. The Northern Territory Government (NTG) has advised that the tendered price was within the industry range for program management services, however the price is not being publicly released by the NTG.

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Question No: 130

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama

Hansard Page: CA24 3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

Under leasing arrangements are you compelled to buy after two years?

Answer:

The Minister has decided not to proceed with the lease to purchase scheme. From September 2009 the houses will be managed as public housing through the Northern Territory Government. The tenants will have the same access to home ownership as other public housing tenants in the Northern Territory and through the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) program.

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Question No: 131

Topic: Wudapuli and Nama

Hansard Page: CA26 3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

When you pay \$800k for property and tenancy management what period of time are we talking?

Answer:

The property and tenancy management project commenced in February 2007 and was scheduled to finish in June 2008. The funding agreement with Indigenous Business Australia for the project was for more than just property and tenancy management and included activities such as:

- management of the display period for the initial four houses – including consultation on designs and preparation of promotional and marketing material;
- consultation with agencies, community representatives and residents;
- information and advice prepared for stakeholders, including seeking legal advice;
- development of rental policies, procedures and collections systems;
- establishing working arrangement with Centrelink, employers and other service providers
- extensive tenancy aftercare;
- negotiation of s19 leases with Northern Land Council; and
- surveys of individual lots and registration of leases.

The agreement has been extended until the end of September 2008 to allow for a handover period to Northern Territory Government.

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Question No: 254

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

What was the reasoning behind this transfer to FaHCSIA, when the Indigenous Employment Programmes (STEP, STEP ERS, Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project (CLIEP), and Indigenous Business- the Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF) and Emerging Indigenous Entrepreneurs Initiative (EIEI)) remain with DEEWR?

Answer:

CDEP is an Indigenous specific program that is not solely related to employment outcomes - the Administrative Arrangement Orders are determined by the Prime Minister.

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Question No: 020

Topic: Underage Sexual Activity

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What work have you been doing in NT communities around the issue of underage sexual activity?

- Has there been any research done into its prevalence? Have you looked into the attitudes of Aboriginal teenagers and their communities to underage sexual activity? Have you done any studies of their awareness and understanding of age of consent laws
- What community education programs have you put in place to tackle these issues? Can you give a breakdown?
- What informational material is available (posters, booklets etc.)? Can you table that material?

Answer:

As part of their responsibilities as primary health care service providers, Australian Government funded Indigenous-specific services, including those in the NT, provide treatment and health-related advice to children, young people and their families on sexual health matters as appropriate. They are also required to adhere to child protection reporting obligations as mandated persons as determined by the legislation of the relevant jurisdiction. Australian Government funded Child Health checks conducted as part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response follow these same principles and do not conduct mandatory sexual health screening.

In some cases primary health care services also deliver community education programs on sexual health, however to the Department's knowledge this is not widespread or systematic. One program, the Mooditj program, is an interactive, fun, sexual health and life skills program for Aboriginal youth aged 10-14 years developed by Family Planning Western Australia. The Mooditj program is based on extensive community consultation and has been implemented in the NT in Katherine and North East Arnhem Land. It includes sessions on puberty, relationships, decision making, positive life skills and self identity. Further information on the Mooditj program is available at the Family Planning Association website: www.fpwa.org.au/services/educationtraining/edunit/

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The Australian Government also funded the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services in 2007–08 to develop and deliver a new Sexual Assault Referral Centre Mobile Outreach Service (SARC MOS) as part of the *Northern Territory Emergency Response – Improving Child and Family Health* measure. The SARC MOS teams commenced visiting some communities in the Northern Territory in April 2008 and comprise professional counsellors and Aboriginal Sexual Assault Workers. As part of SARC MOS operation, staff have provided information, education and training to primary health practitioners and other service providers about NT laws and guidelines relating to sexual health issues, including sexual activity under the age of consent. SARC MOS teams have also held discussion with groups of senior women, young women and/or girls about concerns or questions relating to sexual health, including underage sexual activity.

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Question No: 024

Topic: Underage Sexual Activity

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What support and referral programs do you have in place for teenage offenders?

Answer:

Under the Northern Territory Emergency Response support and referral programmes are provided to victims of sexual assault not to offenders.

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Question No: 023

Topic: DoHA and DEEWR Sexual education programs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What sexual education programs are being offered in schools? Have they been assessed to see if they are effective? Are they culturally appropriate? Do they involve community elders? Do they involve local police?

Answer:

The Australian Government does not provide funding for school based programs dealing with sexual education. While the Australian Government provides significant funding for education, it does not determine the curriculum, resources or programs used in schools, including those related to sexual education. Government and non-government education authorities in the states and territories have responsibility for this and in many instances these decisions are made at the local school level.

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Question No: 034

Topic: Community resources

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I am also interested in getting a similar breakdown of programs and services in these areas, particularly those community education and capacity building programs that tackle some of the core social issues: For instance – programs to engage community members to take local action on issues like alcohol and drugs, family violence, positive parenting programs, health and nutrition.

Answer:

Financial Management Support (FMS) services are provided as a part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) to support money management education to Indigenous communities during, and after, the introduction of income management. The FMS services include: community education workshops, ongoing budgeting support and financial crisis support referral.

The delivery of community money management education workshops and support through the NTER commenced in late March. The following communities have received, or are currently receiving FMS services:

Palumpa	Nguiu	Ingkerreke
Peppimenarti	Milikapati	Atitjere
Barunga	Pirlangimpi	Engawala
Beswick	Maningrida	Laramba
Binjari	Jilkminggan	Nyrripi
Bulman	Mataranka Town camp	Willowra
Manyallaluk	Tennant Creek town camps	Yuendumu
Weemol	Gunbalanya	Laynhapuy Homelands
Katherine town Camps	Ramingining	(service delivery to
Accacia Larrakia	Angurugu, Umbakumba	commence late July 2008)
Naiyu (Daly River)	Milyakburra	
Wadeye	Titjikala	
Adelaide Town Camp	Areyonga	
(Amangal)	Hermannsburg/Ntaria	
Belyuen	Santa Teresa	
Darwin Town Camps	Tjuwampa and Wallace	
Galiwinku	Rockhole	
Gapuwiyak	Alice Springs Town Camps	
Milingimbi	Amoonguna	

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Following the announcement of the NTER the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Group (ILEG) created a special unit called the NT Community Engagement Section to implement a Community Engagement Strategy. The unit engaged with 300 leaders from the 73 identified communities in 13 regional workshops informing people about and workshopping the NTER measures. The unit then provided feedback from the community people to the Taskforce. A major focus of the workshops was to build knowledge, understanding and confidence for people to take action in their home communities. The last six workshops contained several leadership building modules including the setting of visions, goals and strategies, self as leaders including lifestyles and behaviours (use of alcohol, smoking, drugs etc).

The ILEG also set aside a number of places on its National Indigenous Leadership program for people from the NT. 18 women, 12 men and 10 youth from the NT completed the program in 2007-08. The National Program requires participants to conduct a leadership activity in their community and the NT participants influenced a significant number of community people through their activities. The ILEG also conducted a number of Regional Leadership workshops attended by 101 individuals aimed at increasing individual capacity and leadership skills.

The Drug and Alcohol component of the *Northern Territory Emergency Response-Improving Child and Family Health Measure*, while providing increased treatment and rehabilitation services across the NT, also focused on building the capacity of Indigenous communities to become responsible for their recovery and resilience by providing drug and alcohol education and promoting living skills and positive life choices.

Funding was provided to services across the NT for the development of new, and the adaptation of existing (including cross-cultural translation), drug and alcohol resources including information on the negative health and social effects of substance use, advice on treatment and rehabilitation options and promotion of motivation, self-esteem and cultural expression.

A variety of locally-based and culturally appropriate community education activities were funded to provide information and discussion on drug and alcohol harm minimisation techniques, such as diversion activities for youth, and healthy living choices, such as the benefits of eating well for community members. Education programs targeted specific groups including families, youth and children.

Broad messages of health promotion and community education were also provided across the NT as part of Drug Action Week (22-28 June) to raise awareness about alcohol and other drug issues and to promote the activities of those who work to reduce drug related harm.

The Drug and Alcohol workforce was targeted to increase the capacity for service delivery to local communities in addition to the larger regional centres of the NT. Training aimed to increase the participants' knowledge on the principles of building resilience and self-esteem with individuals and communities, developing meaningful relationships and delivering care in a culturally familiar and appropriate environment.

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Question No: 098

Topic: Movement of people

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Will the movement of people be part of the review – the numbers, the reasons, the impact on those people who have moved because of the Intervention and the impact on service providers?

Answer:

The methodology for the Review is a matter for the Review Panel, consistent with the Terms of Reference.

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Topic: Store cards

Hansard Page: CA51 3/6

Senator Boyce asked:

If a customer has a card that they believe still has credit but is approaching its expiry date, what do they do?

Answer:

Store cards are a means of providing customers with access to their income managed funds. Centrelink purchases its store card stock under the general terms and conditions of both Woolworths and Coles Myer Group, and expiry dates apply to the stock purchased from both companies. The expiry date of a card is predetermined on purchase, being one year for Woolworths and two years for Coles Myer Group from the date of purchase.

To date, Centrelink has not experienced any issues regarding the expiry dates for cards it has issued. Centrelink manages its card stock to ensure that cards with the earliest expiry date are issued first, and that cards are issued well before their expiry date. Centrelink would encourage any customer holding a card that is approaching its expiry date to use that card before the expiry date.

There is not a provision to have any remaining balance of funds redeemed from the unused portion of a store card and re-credited to a customer's individual income management account. A customer who chooses to have his or her income management funds allocated to a store card is considered to have received the relevant nominated amount of his or her entitlement in full.

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Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Abetz asked:

How many staff worked in the CDEP programme delivery in DEEWR as at 23 November 2007? And how many staff transferred from DEEWR to FaHCSIA to administer CDEP?

Answer:

110 staff were employed in the CDEP program delivery in DEEWR as at 23 November 2007.

110 staff transferred from DEEWR to FaHCSIA.

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Question No: 285

Topic: Infrastructure Installed under the NTER

Hansard Page: CA64 3/6

Senator Adams asked:

Please provide a list of infrastructure installed under the NTER.

Answer:

Major and minor infrastructure projects including repairs were funded under the NTER, as itemised below:

Domestic and community fencing	187
Water supply infrastructure (includes bores, tanks, meters, pumps)	107
Australian Government Accommodation	51
Community buildings and facilities (includes community centres, youth centres, training centres, women's centres, workshops, art centres, storage facilities, toilets, community lighting, kitchens, laundries, shade structures)	48
Waste management facilities	40
Transport facilities	35
Sports and playground facilities	33
Classrooms	17
Police stations and environs	16
Child care centres/crèches/preschools	11
Safe Houses	10
Community stores	Five
Swimming pools and grounds	Five
Accommodation for workers and visitors	Five
Health/medical/clinic facilities	Four
Market gardens/nurseries	Three
Communication facilities	Two
Museums	Two

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Question No: 126

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program

Hansard Page: CA19 & 20 3/6

Senator Crossin asked:

Is the risk analysis done covering the alliance model available to this committee? When the Connell Wagner work and the recommendation did anybody in FaHCSIA or Connell Wagner look at the royal commission into the building industry and whether or not it had any recommendations or comments about this sort of model in relation to public housing?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government has provided the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) risk schedule for the Senate Committee to view. The SIHIP risk schedule is attached as a separate document to this response.

The Program Delivery Strategy study did not include a review of the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry. However, in recommending an alliance methodology the study considered the key concepts relating to the Royal Commission, and compliance with Commonwealth and Northern Territory legislation. The alliance methodology focuses on transparency of costs, understanding of the total risk profile, and an open and transparent sharing of most risks. As with all Commonwealth funded construction programs the SIHIP will conform to the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry, which sets down the requirements for the relationship between employers and employees on Commonwealth funded programs and projects.

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Risk Identification & Analysis								Risk Evaluation			
P#	Project Aspect	C#	Project Consideration	R#	Risk Issue	Cause	Impact	Planned/ Existing Controls	RCE	Consequence	Likel
8	Design team		Program Level TH Issue	1	Houses fail before end of design life	possible tenancy management problems Lack of maintenance (regular) Inappropriate management strategy Lack of licensed maintenance resources	Houses need new capital expenditure High maintenance costs Householder dissatisfaction			4	
8	Design team		Program Level	2	House types does not match community requirements	Inadequate understanding of community requirements Inflexible policies to meet community needs				3	
8	Design team		Package Level	3	Broad community criticism of housing design	Houses designed to suit community requirements do not meet external expectations				2	
8	Design team		Program Level TH Issue	4	Local community concern houses are not consistent with traditional Australian houses					2	
8	Design team		Program Level TH Issue	5	Mismatch of households/families to house size/facility/configuration	Inadequate tenancy management	Inefficient use of housing stock Overcrowding			3	
8	Design team		Package Level	6	Cluster housing is an opportunity						
8	Design team		Package and Program	7	Town/house population changes as a result of visitors	Social habits of occupants	Additional wear and tear on housing. Potential conflicts			4	

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			Level TH Issue				and health impacts of overcrowding				
8	Design team		Package Level	8	Unreliable existing infrastructure servicing the new houses						4
8	Design team		Package and Program Level	9	Not getting agreement to amenities causes delay to program	Broad range of opinions on amenity levels. Conflicting cost/design objectives	Delay to program				3
8	Design team		Package Level	10	Reduced construction period	Flooded rivers Cyclones and rain	Access cut off Safety issues Ground to wet	Schedule allows for wet season			4
8	Design team		Package Level	11	Misunderstanding of implications of the wet	Contractor is from another latitude	Contractors resource plan is wrong	Tender documents inform on wet weather implications Contractor selection process	20		2
8	Design team		Package Level	12	Disconnect between housing needs and available infrastructure. No land bank.	Historically small housing programs. Housing led programs divorced from infrastructure program	Diversion of funds to infrastructure more than housing. Housing built without adequate infrastructure				4
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	13	Inadequate community consultation	Distrust. Impact of intervention. Housing built not for indigenous use	Abortive Planning. Planning accepted inappropriately. Plans built against the wishes of previously unengaged stakeholders.				3
6	Communications engagement team		Package Level	14	Traditional Owners may not live in community but influence or block	Cultural History	Unsatisfied parties disruptive through Land Council				

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					planning decisions						
8	Design team		Package Level	15	Mismatch between housing size and existing land blocks	Applying a standard house design will not fit on all blocks Blocks are not standard sizes/vary between communities Inadequate town planning Services lines Orientations - cultural and climate Relationships to other buildings	Blocks not useable Compromised design Redesign to non standard Whole of life compromised Householder dissatisfaction House abandoned	Plan for design process connected with consultation/town planning Works package is responsible for design of house, subdivision and construction		3	

Risk Identification & Analysis										Risk Evaluation	
P#	Project Aspect	C#	Project Consideration	R#	Risk Issue	Cause	Impact	Planned/ Existing Controls	RCE	Consequence	Likelihood
8	Design team		Package Level	16	Completed houses have unacceptable whole of life outcome	Unproven construction techniques Poor quality of construction Unproven materials Lack of maintenance	Houses need new capital expenditure High maintenance costs Householder dissatisfaction Cancellation of Program			4	C
8	Design team		Package Level	17	Difficulties in dealing with and getting decisions from Land Council/ Land Trust	Lease requirement	Lack of access to the land				
8	Design team		Package Level	18	Landowners consent still required even with 99 or 40 year leases	Conditions of lease agreements	Lack of access to the land Delays program			4	A
8	Design team		Package Level	19	Resubdivision - lots and vacant lots		Mismatch			2	B

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8	Design team		Package Level	20	Development Approval process. Have to go through DAS, Environmental PWC, Shire, Telstra, Community Objections	Approval requirements	Delay. Duplication of effort.			2	A
8	Design team		Package Level	21	DAS resources for approvals/reviews, DAS resources. Town Planning resources		Delays. Inadequate review/decisions			2	B
8	Design team		Package Level	22	On site objections/changes uncontrolled. Picking up pieces of aggrieved people. Reaction on site is wrong	Remote building team Local pressure applied	Delays. Inadequate decisions			3	B
8	Design team		Package Level	23	Team Changes	Staff turnover in NT. Internal poaching	Changes in direction. Loss of corporate knowledge			2	B
8	Design team		Package Level	24	Reaction to new tenancy arrangement.	Loss of sense of ownership. Qualifications within agreements (tenancy policies)	How the house is used. (abused). Attitude to the house - "public housing", "you've taken our house", bad publicity, lack of useful information to inform the program.			3	A
8	Design team		Package Level	25	Not capturing lessons learned in housing designs	No follow up.	Repeat past mistakes			3	C
8	Design team		Package Level	26	Not capturing lessons learned/available information	Poor sharing of corporate knowledge	Reinvent the same knowledge			3	B
8	Design team		Package Level	27	Construction fabric - whole of life issues	Conflicting initial cost/whole of life cost objectives. Fortress(long life) designs vs other undiscovered innovations	Innapropriate cost/design life decisions.			3	B
8	Design team		Package Level	28	innovative ideas not tested	Experimenting rather than innovating				3	C
8	Design team		Package	29	Lot control		Poor sewage control.			2	D

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			Level				Restriction on house located in lots.				
8	Design team		Package Level	30	Sewage pond exclusion zones - health issues (in specific community locations where rebuilds required)	Some existing locations have building in exclusion zones Policy not developed for rebuild locations/exclusion zone clashes	Public health risks Criticism of design.			4	A
8	Design team		Package Level	31	Inadequate flood protection of new house					4	D
8	Design team		Package Level	32	Roof ventillation - e.g. wirligig leak	condensation, rain, storm stress	housing fabric damage			1	C
1	Government – NT and AG		Package Level	33	Lack of definition of some aspects of the housing model:	Still underdevelopment With Land Councils Rent policy not finalised Conditions of Act can't be met - exemption required	Impact the process of negotiation of leases Delays to finalising lease Delays to program Delays to IPT Delays to EWD			4	C

Risk Identification & Analysis								Risk Evaluation			
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6	Communications engagement team		Package Level	34	Perceptions that decision making is being taken from community based organisations	NT Intervention Remote public housing model Change to super shires from ICHOs Tenancy reform information may not have been conveyed to community level	How the houses will be used?? Negative publicity for SIHIP Lack of information to inform design decisions			3	B

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						Extent of changes					
1	Government – NT and AG		Package Level	35	New Territory housing remote staff not having the right information at the right time - not understanding	40 new people currently being inducted	Negative impact on SIHIP community consultation and engagement			3	D
1	Government – NT and AG		Package Level	36	Failure to sieze whole of program approach to EWD and Defer alliance specific approach (package) opportunity lost						
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	37	Not developing shared objectives within communities and achieving alignment of understood/accepted outcomes	Ineffective engagement Lack of acceptance of outcomes and expression at IPT level Land council not supporting	Reduced satisfaction Lack of acceptance of program outcomes Expectations not met			3	C
1	Government – NT and AG		Package Level	38	Lack of alignment of other Govt policies/procedures with SIHIP objectives	The W is lost in Whole of Government SIHIP is moving beyond the boundaries of current policies	SIHIP objectives are constrained by existing policies Compromises program outcomes, e.g. stretch targets			4	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	39	Engagement fatigue, clutter, Uncoordinated, inconsistency of approach	Lack of coordination between different iniatives Number of initiatives	Engagement Failure			3	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	40	Not achieving appropriate input into designs etc and signoffs e.g housing design signoff etc. Getting real local input/representative Change in power in	Competing interests and initiatives at community level Not clear how things will be signed off Not getting real local input	Inappropriate decision making Delays Failed consultation Won't meet SIHIP objectives			3	B

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					community Internal feuding, inability of community to agree	Different layers involved					
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	41	TH Housing reference group needed SHIP - consultation group needed DLGHS - elected shire reps How and when do they form? Terms of reference the same?	Complexity of project - different initiatives ICHOs disappearing changing roles	Won't meet SIHIP objectives			4	B
6	Communications engagement team		Package Level	42	Inappropriate comms tools Inconsistent approach by in NTG TH talking to the community	Lack of planning and research, inadequate recording system Complexity of social issues not recognised	Failure of communication			2	C
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	43	How to involve the potential indigenous employees in conceiving the program? (e.g. they only want to work part time)	Not aligning with community position/expectations Survey of community capacity and resources not done Different community patterns/life cycles	Failure to meet employment objectives			3	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	44	Perception of the SIHIP as an intervention project	Timing Not clear on program	Mistrust Can be negative and positive			2	B

Risk Identification & Analysis

Risk Evaluation

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P#	Project Aspect	C#	Project Consideration	R#	Risk Issue	Cause	Impact	Planned/ Existing Controls	RCE	Consequence	Likelihood
6	Communications engagement team		Package Level	45	Value for money perception by community on how SIHIP spends allocated money through alliances	Mistrust New complex systems Perception of large companies Bad press	Change to funding Disruption to program Breakdown relationships			2	C
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	46	How to involve existing delivery organisations (in EWD) without a guarantee?	There is no guarantee	Distrust by the specific organisations/communities Not meet employment targets Bad publicity			3	C
4			Package Level	47	The assumption that all communities want to grow	Assuming what we think is right for the community Lack of forward planning	Lack of support for program Outcomes not sustainable Wrong decisions			1	D
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	48	The assumption that all communities want to be employed	Assuming what we think is right for the community Disconnect Employment achieved is not holistic or fits with overall current situation	Waste of resources Follow on negative impacts Won't meet employment objectives Damage to relationships Breakdown in sustainability			2	D
6	Communications engagement team		Package Level	49	Management response to critical incidents not defined or managed well e.g.: - Environmental heritage - Engagement safety	Not addressed at this stage Accidents will happen Lack of planning, not incorporating lessons learnt	Critical incidents not managed well Reputation damage Relationships harmed			4	C
6	Communications engagement team		Package Level	50	Clarity of SIHIP objectives: - sustainability	Currently only one sentence statements	Inadequate coordination of resources and reduced integration			4	C

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					- what are we communicating about objectives		in ITP				
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	51	Potential disconnect between housing and infrastructure delivered and potential for economic/social change	Lack clarity of objectives Water supply risks Locations are not sustainable	Program outputs wasted			3	D
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	52	Lack of incentive for community people to take up employment opportunities Regulatory impediments to people to change from CDEP to employment	Policy inappropriate to work force development	Not meet employment targets Not achieve improvements to community sustainability			3	E
			Package Level	53	Alliances - a great opportunity. Able to concentrate on objectives and delivery						
1	Government – NT and AG		Package Level	54	Not achieving alignment with R&M program - under shire changes & DPI - construction division future possibilities	Inadequate planning and coordination	Disruption Shires may not be brought into the program			2	E
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	55	Not creating meaningful appropriate employment Sustainability of employment: - individuals/community	Limited follow on employment following construction in community	Failure to achieve objectives Criticism			3	C
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	56	Level of education in communities - literacy etc	Lack of education Lack of opportunity	Compromise employment opportunities			4	C
4	Community		Package	57	Lack of ongoing employment,	Communities don't have	Training not taken up			2	C

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engagement, employment and workforce development		Level		no incentive for training	work opportunities	Trained people leave community				
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Risk Identification & Analysis								Risk Evaluation			
P#	Project Aspect	C#	Project Consideration	R#	Risk Issue	Cause	Impact	Planned/ Existing Controls	RCE	Consequence	Likelihood
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	58	Having the right people in alliances to motivate and train --> different approach required	Inadequate suitable resources	Program doesn't meet objectives			4	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	59	Existing high profile community based organisations - reject the program or can't get involved	Competing interests Inadequate capacity SIHIP doesn't negotiate well	Program doesn't meet objectives			3	C
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	60	Not sub-optimising - look at opportunities to create other industry - barge companies - materials supply companies - food supply etc	Not exploring opportunities, not seeing the connections	Program doesn't meet objectives			2	B

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4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	61	Balancing competing objective of housing outputs and local employment opportunities	Construction techniques save costs/improve quality but may reduce local employment opprtunities	Compromise program objectives Wrong decisions made			4	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	62	Subcontractors don't have confidence in capability of local people /small enterprises	Difficulties of maintaining reliability of local resources - reality, complexities Some subcontractors not flexible	Reduced local employment opportunities			3	C
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	63	Lack of commercial management skills of local enterprises	Lack of education Lack of opportunity	Reduced local employment opportunities			3	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	64	Invisible barriers, vested interests	Goverance issues Ethical issues Collusion	Reduced local employment opportunities Compromises objectives			3	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	65	Short term of construction program - too short for accredited training	Program just focuses on construction	Reduced local employment opportunities Compromises objectives			2	B
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	66	Barriers to market entries/outcomes: e.g. cottage enterprises	Existing enterprises Use of business plans Use of land use planning Not in program	Reduced local employment opportunities Compromises objectives			2	C
4	Community		Package	67	Existing catural hierachies	Existing social obligations	Youth get money and leave			2	C

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	engagement, employment and workforce development		Level		may hold back employment of youth	Lack of understanding and engagement	community				
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	68	Lack of mobility of local indigenous people	Existing social obligations Lack of supporting arrangements	Limiting employment opportunities Limiting regional opportunities			3	C
4	Community engagement, employment and workforce development		Package Level	69	DBERD/other not adequately resourced to support development and creation of SME's by: - policies/procedures - databases - people	SIHIP bigger than previous initiatives Wider socio economic objectives	Program doesn't meet objectives			3	C

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Question No: 063

Topic: Child Protection Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What indicators do you intend to put in place to assess your performance on child protection issues?

Answer:

Statutory responsibility for child protection rests with the Northern Territory Government (NTG). The Commonwealth is providing additional support in the form of funding to the NTG through the Family Support Package to assist them with meeting this obligation, particularly in the form of funding to contribute to the Mobile Child Protection Team and Remote Aboriginal Family & Community Workers.

Performance indicators for the Family Support Package are continually being assessed for appropriateness at each stage of the measure's progression. The performance indicators are currently under review and will be amended again to reflect the results of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Review. Any revised indicators will be designed to reflect achievements against intended outcomes of the measure.

The Australian Government has been consulting with States and Territories, the community sector and other experts in child wellbeing, family and youth related fields in relation to possible outcomes and options for inclusion in a national framework for protecting Australia's children. The Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference Working Group responsible for developing the framework for COAG's consideration in December 2008, will consider outcomes and performance indicators as it shapes the framework.

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Question No: 068

Topic: Child Protection Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What approach are you taking to inform communities and to encourage and support people to come forward with information about specific instances of abuse?

Answer:

The Family Support Package includes funding for Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers (RAFCWs). Indigenous workers understand the circumstances of people living in Indigenous communities and are likely to have informal networks within communities so are best placed to assist and support individuals or families to come forward with child protection concerns. These workers will also help link families with local family violence/safe house programs, night patrols, mental health workers, child health workers and health services to help them address issues impacting on child safety and wellbeing.

The National Indigenous Leadership Program has managed workshops and intensive courses for indigenous leaders to better understand the NTER and the reporting mechanisms available, as well as briefing Australian Federal Police before deployment on how best to engage indigenous community members. The Northern Territory Police have also been working with the NTER Taskforce in providing an additional 51 Police to prescribed communities (to June 30 2008).

Beyond these measures, the Northern Territory Government has a broader responsibility to provide activities and services aimed at preventing and reducing child abuse in Northern Territory communities.

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Question No: 071

Topic: NT Child Abuse Group/ Taskforce

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

I understand that there is a joint child abuse taskforce or group involving both NT FaCS (Dept Family & Children's Services) and NT Police which receives some funding from the Commonwealth – is this correct?

Answer:

Twelve months prior to the Intervention being announced, Northern Territory Police established the Child Abuse Taskforce (CAT). CAT was joined by Department of Health, Family and Children's Services and later, as a result of the Intervention, gained a further six Australian Federal Police Officers to further build the capacity of the team through Commonwealth funding.

Since the CAT commencement in June 2006, over 400 investigations into reported matters have been conducted across the Territory. The investigations have covered 69 communities resulting in 46 arrests and eight summonses.

Since the Intervention and the establishment of the 18 additional, remote police stations, 56 reports concerning child abuse have been referred to CAT from those stations. These reports alone have resulted in 8 arrests, 30 charges of child abuse offences, 3 convictions to date, 4 matters remain before the Court and one matter was withdrawn. Eight of those investigations are still underway.

FaHCSIA is unable to respond further, as the Department has no involvement in this taskforce.

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Question No: 079

Topic: Community Based Child Protection Strategies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What programs and resources are in place to educate and inform existing community workers – such as teachers, and nurses – in how to identify the signs of neglect and abuse and how to engage with potential victims and their families?

Answer:

It is expected that Remote Aboriginal Family Community Workers, funded through the Family Support Package will have a role with regard to connecting existing services and workers with the broader child protection system. They are currently being trained in these areas. Beyond this contribution, the Northern Territory Government has responsibility to provide supportive wraparound activities and services aimed at preventing and reducing child abuse in Northern Territory communities. This will be a strong focus of the Family Support Package during 2008-09.

The NTER Review Board is due to present their final report in September 2008. There may be further recommendations regarding any further need in this area.

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Question No: 101

Topic: CDEP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

Will the re-instatement of CDEP in the Northern Territory communities, still allow the wages earned from CDEP to be quarantined?

Answer:

Under existing legislation, CDEP Scheme payments are not included in the categories of payments that are subject to the income management regime and therefore people participating in CDEP do not have their CDEP payments income managed.

As at 1 August 2008, 15,570 people were being income managed.

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Question No: 108

Topic: Tangentyere Safe Families

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is this an increase or decrease on last year? If Federal funding to the program has been decreased, why?

Answer:

A comparison between years is no longer valid because the Northern Territory Government assumed responsibility for funding the Tangentyere Safe Families project on July 1 2008.

The Australian Government has, however, recently announced that it will provide an immediate injection of \$5.3 million to Tangentyere Council for upgrades to existing housing in the Alice Springs town camps.

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Question No: 110

Topic: Tangentyere Safe Families

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Is this program likely to experience a shortfall in funding this year? If so why?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) has assumed responsibility for the Tangentyere Safe Families Project from 1 July 2008. There have been ongoing discussions between the Tangentyere Council and the NTG and these discussions have been fruitful. It is understood that agreement has been reached regarding funding over the next three years.

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Question No: 115

Topic: Umoona – Municipal Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide and update as to what is happening with Municipal Services funding for Umoona Aboriginal community?

Answer:

A one-off funding package intended to support the capacity of Umoona Community Council has been approved.

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Question No: 116

Topic: Umoona – Municipal Services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What funding provisions if any have been made for 2008-09?

Answer:

A one-off payment of \$280,000 was made in June 2008 with most of the funds to be carried over and used in 2008-09. A separate amount of \$35,000 has been provided to the District Council of Coober Pedy for rubbish collection and road maintenance services.

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Question No: 035

Topic: Staff

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many new staff have been recruited as part of the Intervention? Can you provide a breakdown of their roles and agencies?

Answer:

As at July 2008, there was a total of 87 new staff deployed into the 73 prescribed communities. This was made up of 54 Government Business Managers employed by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and 33 Community Employment Brokers employed by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

In addition, there were 36 people in the Operations Centre. Many of these were existing public servants who were seconded from a range of agencies including:

- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Department of Health and Ageing
- Centrelink
- Attorney General's Department
- Department of Defence

These staff are involved in the oversight and support of NTER functions, including:

- Executive command of the rollout of the NTER
- Working with agency liaison officers to achieve a whole of government approach to the implementation and rollout of NTER measures
- Logistical support for agency staff as they are engaged in communities
- Planning, reporting and monitoring of NTER measures
- Managing the licensing and upgrading of community stores
- Financial governance
- Corporate support and communications.

Individual agencies may also have engaged additional staff under normal organisational structures to support the NTER.

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Question No: 144

Topic: Special administration of the Waminda Aboriginal Corporation

Hansard Page: CA85 3/6

Senator Johnston asked:

Can ORIC provide a copy of the corporation's accounts prepared by the special administrator?

Answer:

Yes. A copy of the corporation's balance sheet (as at 9 April 2008) and profit and loss statement (1 July 2007 through 9 April 2008) prepared by the special administrator are attached.

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Waminda Aboriginal Corporation
Balance Sheet
As of April 9, 2008

	Apr 9, 2008
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
Aged Care Services 9239	1,195.35
Petty Cash	-827.54
Respite 10028997	42,852.68
WAC 10014288	-0.84
Waminda Donations 3708	1,716.68
Total Current/Savings	44,936.33
Total Current Assets	44,936.33
Fixed Assets	
Motor Vehicles	35,041.00
Provision Plant/Equip Depr	-7,443.00
Provision re MV Depreciation	-13,993.00
Purchase of Equipment & Furnitu	32,356.17
Total Fixed Assets	45,961.17
TOTAL ASSETS	90,897.50
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	8,611.71
Total Accounts Payable	8,611.71
Other Current Liabilities	
DHA NonCompliance Reimbursement	61,129.33
HACC Non Recurring Grant	69,771.90
Payroll Liabilities	
PAYG Tax Collected	69,332.89
PAYG Tax Paid to ATO	-36,567.11
Superannuation	18,227.77
Total Payroll Liabilities	50,993.55
Tax Payable	-22,896.31
Unfair Dismissal Claim Liabilit	8,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	166,998.47
Total Current Liabilities	175,610.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES	175,610.18
NET ASSETS	-84,712.68
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	10,544.21
Retained Earnings	116,578.32
Net Income	-211,835.21
TOTAL EQUITY	-84,712.68

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Profit & Loss
 July 1, 2007 through April 9, 2008

	Jul 1, '07 - Apr 9, 2008
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
INC Gifts & Donations not HACC	
Unrestricted	275.00
Total INC Gifts & Donations not HACC	275.00
INC Grants	
Aged Care Grants Received	106,551.74
Aged Care Non Compliance Claim	-61,129.33
Total INC Grants	45,422.41
INC HACC Revenue	
HACC Grants Received	141,987.62
HACC NON Recurring Grant	17,102.43
Total INC HACC Revenue	159,090.05
INC Miscellaneous	
Traineeship Incentives	31,883.82
Total INC Miscellaneous	31,883.82
INC Query	377.50
Total Income	237,048.78
Cost of Goods Sold	
Grant Expenditure	
Gunduwa Nyingyarn Consultancy	10,331.50
Koorlangah Mia	750.00
Total Grant Expenditure	11,081.50
Total COGS	11,081.50
Gross Profit	225,967.28
Expense	
Administration Expenses	
Administration Fees	5,704.62
Bank Fees	26.06
Computer Support Services	2,892.00
Licenses and Permits	49.50
Office Supplies	
Postage	70.00
Stationery	1,642.40
Water	617.32
Office Supplies - Other	28.70
Total Office Supplies	2,358.42
Security Services	975.02
Telephone	
Broadband	3,649.27
Mobile	8,054.07
Office	5,942.48
Total Telephone	17,645.82
Administration Expenses - Other	70.02
Total Administration Expenses	29,721.46
Consumables	
Cleaning Products	484.65
Staff Amenities	
Meals	3.65
Staff Amenities - Other	114.10
Total Staff Amenities	117.75
Total Consumables	602.40
HACC NONRecurring Grant Expense	
HACC Plant & Equipment Expense	-93.60
Strategic Planning Expense	5,138.00
Total HACC NONRecurring Grant Expense	5,044.40

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Profit & Loss
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Management Fees	
Accounting	5,577.00
Insurance	
Office Insurance	1,983.65
Professional Indemnity	437.51
Sickness and accident Insurance	6,327.00
Stamp Duty	198.35
Total Insurance	8,946.51
Legal Fees	810.41
Total Management Fees	15,333.92
Motor Vehicle Expense	
Fuel and Oil	7,186.81
Lease re Koorlangah Mia Vehicle	6,570.71
Licence & Insurance	6,607.52
MV Insurance Stamp Duty	526.20
Parking fee	21.10
Repairs & Maintenance	6,090.25
Total Motor Vehicle Expense	27,002.59
Other Expense	
Advertising	438.50
Client Services	
Domestic Assistance Services	116.00
Travel Costs for Clients	1,139.42
Total Client Services	1,255.42
Education Expenses	3,800.00
Gifts and Donations	391.98
Miscellaneous	649.95
Printing and Reproduction	280.13
Travel & Ent	
Meals	300.00
Travel	8,414.00
Total Travel & Ent	8,714.00
Total Other Expense	15,529.98
Plant & Equipment	
Equipment Rental	2,454.03
Expensed Equipment	2,129.65
Rent	2,200.00
Safety Equipment	631.00
Tools & Equipment under \$1000	1,621.40
Tools & Equipment under \$300.00	1,083.35
Total Plant & Equipment	10,119.43
Programme Expense	
Food & Supplies	51.80
Travel/Outings	439.24
Total Programme Expense	491.04
QUERY	46,606.38
Repairs & Maintenance Expenses	
Computer Repairs	940.00
Equipment Repairs	251.05
Repairs and Maintenance	2,114.16
Rubbish Removal	2,102.00
Repairs & Maintenance Expenses - Other	333.33
Total Repairs & Maintenance Expenses	5,740.54
Salaries and Salary on Costs	
Staff Training	
Training - Travel Expenses	5,522.32
Staff Training - Other	2,711.96
Total Staff Training	8,234.28

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Profit & Loss
July 1, 2007 through April 9, 2008

	Jul 1, '07 - Apr 9, 2008
Superannuation	16,681.42
Unfair Dismissal Claim Expense	12,000.00
Wages Excl. Leave Entitlements	243,369.63
Total Salaries and Salary on Costs	280,285.33
Utilities	
Gas and Electric	1,487.75
Total Utilities	1,487.75
Total Expense	437,965.22
Net Ordinary Income	-211,997.94
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	162.73
Total Other Income	162.73
Net Other Income	162.73
Net Income	-211,835.21

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Question No: 145

Topic: Special administration of the Waminda Aboriginal Corporation

Hansard Page: CA88 3/6

Senator Johnston asked:

Can the Committee be provided with a copy of the report being given to the Registrar by the special administrator?

Answer:

Yes. ORIC has reviewed the information in the special administrator's report dated 19 June 2008 and the Committee is provided with a redacted copy of the report (copy attached). The names of employees and former employees with potential claims against the corporation have been redacted to protect their privacy. As no formal investigation has been carried out it would be unfairly prejudicial to release their names at this stage.

Clarification is also provided on the issue of protection afforded to special administrators' reports by the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* ("CATSI Act"), which was raised during this question. The Registrar confirms that there is no specific qualified privilege protection in the CATSI Act as there is in the *Corporations Act 2001*. However, a special administrator has a general statutory protection from civil liability under section 609-1(c) of the CATSI Act. Also, common law qualified privilege and a qualified privilege under section 442E of applied *Corporations Act 2001* provisions may be available.

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**Waminda Aboriginal Corporation
(Under Special Administration)
ICN 1383**

Update 4
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We refer to our appointment as Administrators of Waminda Aboriginal Corporation ("the Corporation") on 9 April 2008 and to our previous reports and correspondence. We set out below our report in respect to the administration.

This report is set out under the following headings:

1. Closure of Operations and Client Transition
2. Asset Realisation
3. Financial Position
4. Special General Meeting

This document is submitted in strict confidence to the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations ("ORIC") for its exclusive use in connection with any investigation into the affairs of the Corporation. It is understood by us that this document and the information contained in it will not be placed on any file, register or microfiche which is available to the public and will not be disclosed to any third party whatsoever without our prior written consent. If ORIC receives a request for access to this document under the Freedom of Information legislation, we require that we be consulted before any decision is made in relation to the request.

1 Closure of Operations and Client Transition

In our previous report, we set out our strategy to deal with the transition of clients to alternative service providers. Our update on the status of this transition is set out below.

HACC Clients

As an interim measure, The Department of Health sought a transition of the Corporation's HACC clients to Armadale Home Help ("AHH"), an organisation located in Armadale which provides similar services as the Corporation. This measure was put in place to allow the Department of Health time to fully assess the needs of clients, and identify the most appropriate service provider going forward.

We have met with representatives of AHH to facilitate an orderly handover of all HACC client records and to provide any other information required to ensure the transition progressed smoothly to minimise any impact on clients.

AHH also employed a former employee of the Corporation in order to assist in the provision of culturally appropriate services where possible. AHH is currently in discussions with the Department of Health in respect of formalising long term arrangements.

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The Department of Health provides us with periodic updates on the status of the Corporation's former clients. These updates indicate that there has been a smooth transition.

Aged Care Clients

The Department of Health and Ageing has conducted the transition process itself and undertook a process of contacting all clients of the Corporation to assess service requirements.

The aged care clients who were receiving care from the Corporation have been attended to as follows:

- Five (5) of the clients were already being serviced by Silver Chain Nursing Association ("SCNA")
- One (1) client was already being serviced by another Indigenous service provider;
- Four (4) clients who require aged care assessment approvals are currently being followed up to ensure the assessments are undertaken without delay;
- Six (6) clients have confirmed that they do not require services at this time;
- One (1) client requires HACC care and SNCA are currently in discussions with HACC in this regard;
- Two (2) clients to date are yet to be contacted; and
- The remaining clients have either left the area or are deceased.

2 Asset Realisation

As detailed in our previous report, we relocated the assets of the Corporation to Gregsons Auctioneers and Valuers wherein they have been sold by public auction.

The Department of Health (DoH) has submitted a claim against assets purchased by the Corporation using HACC funds. However, DoH provided written consent for all assets (excluding a Toyota Hilux vehicle) to be sold, with the sale proceeds to be held pending resolution of its claim.

These claims will be dealt with once liabilities incurred during the period of the administration have been discharged. We will report to you separately on the outcome of the sale process once complete.

3 Financial Position

As you are aware, we have been working closely with the Corporation's bookkeeper to bring the financial accounts of the Corporation up to date to 9 April 2008.

This process has been hindered for the following reasons:

- Poor record keeping by the Corporation's former management and staff;
- Missing records, in particular during the period from November 2007 to January 2008; and
- Various unsubstantiated claims against the Corporation and allegations against its former and current staff concerning asset theft and misappropriation of funds.

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The financial position of the Corporation has been assessed based upon the financial information available to us, our review of the Corporation's records, discussions with current and former staff, and enquiries of third parties, including the Corporation's bookkeeper and former auditor.

Based upon this review, we attach the following financial statements for the Corporation as **Annexure A**:

- Draft Balance Sheet as at 9 April 2008; and
- Draft Profit and Loss Statement for the period 1 July 2007 to 9 April 2008.

Please note that these accounts have not been audited and are subject to the limitations identified above.

A summary of the Corporations Balance Sheet as at 9 April 2008 is set out below.

Balance Sheet as at 9 April 2008	Note	Amount (\$)
		Unaudited
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	1	45,764
Petty Cash	2	(827)
Total Current Assets		44,936
Fixed Assets		
Motor Vehicles (Written Down Value)	3	21,048
Plant and Equipment (Written Down Value)	3	24,913
Total Fixed Assets		45,961
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	4	8,611
Non-Compliance Reimbursement	5	61,129
HACC Non-Recurring Grant (unexpended)	6	69,332
PAYG Liability	7	32,765
Superannuation	8	18,228
Tax Payable	9	(22,896)
Unfair Dismissal Claim	10	8,000
Total Liabilities		175,610
Net Assets		(84,712)
Equity		
Opening Balance		10,544
Retained Earnings		116,578
Net Income (Loss)	11	(211,835)
Total Equity		(84,712)

Our notes to the financial position are set out as follows:

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1 Cash at Bank

This represents the balance of funds held in the four (4) bank accounts held at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd at the date of our appointment. These accounts were closed following our appointment with the balance transferred to a new Administration account conducted at the National Australia Bank Ltd.

2 Petty Cash

We note that at the date of our appointment, the Corporation held approximately \$300 in petty cash. The negative petty cash figure indicated in the financial accounts is a result of inadequate documentation having been maintained during the period December 2007 and January 2008 when numerous unidentified transactions were processed. A number of these transactions may have been petty cash reimbursements. However, in the absence of documentation, we cannot verify this.

3 Fixed Assets

We commissioned an independent valuation of all plant and equipment of the Corporation as at the date of our appointment which indicated that the realisable value of the motor vehicles and plant and equipment (subject to claims by the Department of Health and others) was approximately \$40,000.

4 Accounts Payable

This balance represents all identified outstanding supplier and trade accounts of the Corporation at the date of our appointment. This figure is likely to increase as further accounts are received and liabilities arising under the various lease contracts that have been disclaimed are quantified.

5 Department of Health and Ageing

As previously reported, the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) has a claim against the Corporation in the amount of \$61,129.

This claim arose from a review conducted by DoHA prior to our appointment for the period to 31 December 2007. As a result of that review, DoHA asserts that the Corporation over-claimed \$61,129 in care subsidies (which were paid to the Corporation prior to our appointment). DoHA has advised that the claim is based on its review of documentation maintained by the Corporation and direct contact with clients for which care subsidies were claimed. As at the date of this report, we have not assessed the validity of the claim. However, as previously advised, DoHA has refused to pay any claims in respect to the period after December 2007 until its claim is repaid in full.

6 HACC Non-Recurring Grant

This amount represents a non-recurring grant for the purchase of a bus. At the date of our appointment, the bus had not been purchased. Accordingly, this claim appears to be valid.

7 PAYG Liability

This balance represents the Corporation's unpaid PAYG liability for the period 1 July 2007 to 9 April 2008.

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We note that PAYG deducted from wages paid since our appointment will be paid as an expense of the administration.

8 Superannuation Liability

This amount represents Superannuation deducted from employee wages for the period 1 July 2007 to 9 April 2008. Superannuation liability incurred since the date of our appointment will be paid as an expense of the administration.

9 Tax Payable

This figure represents a carry forward balance for which we have been unable to adequately assess or reference to supporting documentation.

10 Unfair Dismissal Claim

Prior to our appointment, two (2) former employees, [REDACTED] were successful in an action against the Corporation for unfair dismissal. The matter was heard in the Registry of the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission, and [REDACTED] were awarded \$12,000 in damages.

The amount payable to [REDACTED] was to be paid by three (3) equal fortnightly instalments of \$4,000. At the date of our appointment, two (2) instalments remained outstanding.

11 Net Income / (Loss)

This represents the estimated loss for the period 1 July 2007 to 9 April 2008, as detailed in the attached profit and loss statement for the same period.

We advise that the profit and loss statement has been prepared based upon information available to us. However, we note that 35 transactions, totalling \$46,606 have been allocated to a "Query" account due to a lack of information and documentation. These transactions predominantly relate to the period November 2007 to January 2008. Further investigation will need to be undertaken to determine the nature of these transactions.

We are liaising with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd to obtain further information in respect to these transactions.

Claims Excluded from the Accounts

The balance sheet as at 9 April 2008 does not take into account the following contingent claims against the Corporation;

- [REDACTED] and former employees of the company have submitted claims against the Corporation for unpaid wages, leave and other entitlements of approximately \$900,000. We have been provided with limited information in which to assess these claims; and
- [REDACTED] and current employees (at the time of our appointment) have advised of claims against the Corporation for amounts due to the early termination of their contracts of employment. The amounts of these claims have not been quantified. No documentation has been provided to support these claims.

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We note that we have not undertaken an assessment of the validity of these claims. In the event that these claims are assessed as being valid, the Corporations net asset position will deteriorate further.

Conclusion on Financial Position

We make the following comments in respect to the financial position of the Corporation as at 9 April 2008:

- The Corporations only source of revenue was from government funding;
- Such funding was only being provided by the Department of Health under the HACC program. The level of funding was approximately \$10,000 per month which was insufficient to meet the Corporations operating costs;
- During the period prior to our appointment, the Corporation incurred a loss of approximately \$200,000;
- The balance sheet indicates that the Corporation had a working capital deficiency of \$130,674. This indicates that the Corporation was unable to meet its liabilities as and when they fell due;
- The balance sheet indicates that the Corporation had a net asset deficiency of \$84,712, indicating that if all the assets of the Corporation were realised for their book value, there would be insufficient funds to discharge its liabilities in full;
- We are aware of further claims against the Corporation of approximately \$900,000 by former employees. As at the date of this report, we have not been able to determine the validity of these claims.

Accordingly, we consider that as at 9 April 2008, the Corporation was insolvent.

4 Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting ("SGM") of the Corporation has been convened for 2.00pm on Monday 30 June 2008. A copy our Update to Members and the accompanying Notice of meeting is attached as **Annexure B**.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Provide a report on the conduct of the Special Administration to date;
- Table the financial statement of the Corporation as at 9 April 2008 and discuss the financial position of the Corporation; and
- Discuss the future of the Corporation.

As you will note from the attached Update to Members, we have set out the two (2) options we consider are available to members, being:

- To recommence operations; or
- Conduct an orderly winding up of the Corporation.

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Recommence Operations

At the forthcoming meeting, we will explain to members that in order for the Corporation to recommence operations, the following matters would, as a minimum, need to be addressed:

- Securing funding to enable all liabilities to be paid to restore the financial position of the Corporation; and
- Election of a new board who would then have to determine the future course of the Corporation. Such actions would include securing ongoing funding, securing premises and employing staff.

Based upon the financial position of the Corporation, the factional membership base and the likely inability to secure the required funding, we do not consider this to be a viable option.

Orderly Winding Up

We will also explain the role of a liquidator in an orderly winding up of the Corporation. In summary, a liquidator would attend to the following matters:

- Finalise any outstanding matters associated with the closure of the Corporation and finalisation of the Administration, including asset realisations and other recoveries and reporting to creditors;
- Liaise with GEERS in respect of facilitating payments (if applicable) to former employees of the Corporation for unpaid wages, leave and other eligible entitlements;
- Assess and adjudicate on all claims against the Corporation, including those submitted by former employees; and
- Undertake a full assessment and investigation into the past conduct of the Corporation and its officers, including submitting a report to the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

We then propose to open the meeting to the members to raise any queries, and discuss the way forward.

Based upon our review, we will recommend to members that the most appropriate way forward is for the Corporation to be wound up. We shall seek to obtain the views of members regarding a course of action at the forthcoming meeting.

We will report to you after the forthcoming meeting.

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BRIAN McMASTER
Special Administrator

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JACK JAMES
Special Administrator

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ⁱ **Hospital separations for children 0-5 years:**

- a) Certain infectious and parasitic diseases (A00–B99)
- b) Nutritional anaemia's (D50–D53) and malnutrition (E40–E46)
- c) Diseases of the ear and mastoid process (H60–H95)
- d) Diseases of the respiratory system (J00–J99)
- e) Diseases of oral cavity salivary glands and jaws (K00–K14)
- f) Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (L00–L99)
- g) Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00–T98)
 - Transport accidents (V01–V99)
 - Other external causes of accidental injury (W00–X59)
 - Intentional self-poisoning and exposure to alcohol (X65)
 - Assault (X85–Y09)
 - Complications of medical and surgical care (Y40–Y84)

Note: External Causes sub-categories classified by first external cause

ⁱⁱ **Student destination survey at Year 10 and Year 12 (carried out mid- year and at the end of each year).**

- Apparent retention rate of Indigenous students from Year 7 to Year 10 (relevant localities) or Year 8 to 10 (relevant localities) by school.
- Apparent retention rate of Indigenous students from Year 10 to Year 12 by school.
- Number of students participating in the ESL – ILLSS programme (for students accessing formal education for the first time if their first language is not English).

ⁱⁱⁱ **Mental and behavioural disorders**

- Organic mental disorders (F00 – F09)
- Schizophrenia, schizo tydal and delusional disorders (F20 - F29)
- Mood and neurotic disorders (F30 – F48)
- Other mental disorders (F50 – F99)

^{iv} **Hospitalisation rates for:**

1. Intestinal infectious diseases (A00 – A09)
2. Tuberculosis (A15 – A19)
3. Bacterial disease (A20 – A49)
4. Trachoma (A71)
5. Acute hepatitis A (B15)
6. Acute hepatitis B (B16)
7. Scabies (B86)
8. Acute rheumatic fever (100 – 102)
9. Chronic rheumatic heart diseases (105 – 109)
10. Acute upper respiratory infections (J00 – J06)
11. Influenza and pneumonia (J10 – J18)