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Question

Indigenous Support Program

Senator SCULLION: Ms Paul, I would like to ask a couple of questions on the Indigenous Support Program. Could I have the current budget for the ISP?

Ms Schofield: I am just having a look for that for you now, Senator. For 2011-12 the current budget for the Indigenous Support Program is \$36.757 million.

Senator SCULLION: Can you give me an idea of the current expenditure of that?

Ms Schofield: I will double-check that.

Senator SCULLION: You do not have to provide it immediately if you have some challenges in terms of its accuracy. You can take it on notice.

Mr Griew: Do you mean the spend at this point in this financial year or at the end of the last financial year?

Senator SCULLION: The spend in the context of the answer to the previous question, which is the current budget.

Ms Schofield: We will have to take that on notice.

Answer

The appropriation for the Indigenous Support Program (ISP) in the 2011-12 Budget is \$36.757 million. Expenditure to date for this program in the 2011-12 financial year is \$13.259 million. The remaining \$23.498 million will be distributed in the first half of 2012.