

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 3**

**Program 1.6**

**Question No. 187**

**Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

What will be the impact of the budget decision to divert \$60 million over four years from the Confiscated Assets Account to consolidated revenue on the future funding and provision of community crime prevention and drug and alcohol diversionary programs?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

This savings measure is being used to offset expenditure in other areas of the portfolio. This will help fund the Stronger Futures package.

The Stronger Futures package is a \$239 million project to increase community safety in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. The Attorney General's Department funds about half of this. The package includes things like:

- providing more family violence and child-protection facilities and services;
- tackling alcohol abuse across Australia;
- protecting remote Indigenous communities with more police; and
- supporting night patrols in communities.