

Senate Select Committee on COVID 19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Topic: Food Security Working Group

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

In relation to the Food Security Working Group, please provide:

- A breakdown of the issues the working group is looking at and resolution status
- A list of organisations that are participating in the working group

Answer

a)

ISSUE	STATUS
Supply of essential goods to remote communities	Active
Prioritisation by food and grocery manufacturers of essential products to remote community stores	Active
Local distribution issues of essential food and grocery products	Active
Resolving delays to distribution of travel permits	Resolved
Northern Territory Government, Australian Government, Outback Stores, The Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) and Metcash Limited (Metcash) seeking support from manufactures and suppliers.	Resolved
Assisting community stores to anticipate demand for goods	Resolved
Securing supplies of winter stock including clothes	Resolved
Seeking support of the Australian Food and Grocery Council in supply	Resolved

Potential to repackage bulk food service products	Resolved
Support to small independent stores	Ongoing

- b) The Food Security Working Group is chaired by the National Indigenous Australians Agency and includes members from ALPA, Community Enterprises Queensland, Outback Stores Pty Ltd, Mai Wiru Regional Stores Council Aboriginal Corporation, Metcash, Sea Swift Pty Ltd, TAH Northern Trading, Australian Food and Grocery Council, PriceWaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting, Northern Territory Government, Queensland Government, South Australian Government, and Western Australian Government.

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Question:

Please provide an update on work being undertaken to review the Community Development Program?

Answer:

As advised by the Chief Executive Officer, National Indigenous Australians Agency (the Agency) at the Senate Select Committee on Wednesday, 13 May 2020, the Agency is in discussions with the Minister for Indigenous Australians regarding the Community Development Program.