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Question:

- a) As part of the Budget a new employment and participation model for remote Australia was announced. What is the timeline for the consultations for this new model? Who will be consulted? Budget for consultations? Can you provide a copy of the consultation model?
- b) Do you intend to use last year's Discussion Paper on the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 in these consultations?

Answer:

- a) The Minister for Indigenous Affairs wrote to a number of stakeholders outlining the Budget announcement and committed to working in collaboration on the development of a new model.

All CDP providers were informed of the announcement immediately following the Budget. The first stage of formal consultation with providers on a new employment and participation model was held at a Provider Business Meeting on 1-2 June.

There will be multiple avenues for stakeholders to provide feedback and their views.

The Government will also use existing reviews and Inquiries currently underway to inform the development of any new model, including the Senate Inquiry on the appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of the CDP.

Consultation will be ongoing through the design, development and implementation of a new model.

The Government is committed to taking the time required to work with stakeholders, in particular remote communities and job seekers, to look at what will work best for remote Australia.

- b) The discussion paper developed for the *Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015* will not be used during this consultation period. However, all comments and feedback on this Bill will be considered in the development of a new model.