

Question on notice no. 3

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Finance and Public Administration Committee, Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters

Senator Dorinda Cox: asked the National Indigenous Australians Agency on 11 June 2024—

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Answer —

Please see attached.

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Answer:

Prior to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) being established, the Indigenous Affairs Group was part of the broader Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet SES allocation. At 30 June 2019, the Indigenous Affairs Group had a structure of 52 SES positions comprising 2 SES Band 3 officers, 9 SES Band 2 officers and 41 SES Band 1 officers. As at 30 June 2024, the NIAA had a structure of 55 SES comprising 3 SES Band 3 officers, 11 SES Band 2 officers and 41 SES Band 1 officers.

The increase to the current cohort allocation has not been taken from the NIAA's ASL allocation as additional funding for the positions was provided.