

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Remote Service Delivery

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Senator Siewert asked:

Who has responsibility to provide an easily accessible, transparent and comprehensive whole of government(s) accounting for expenditure of the following funds?

- o Baseline mapping, monitoring and evaluation \$36.6m
- o Governance \$201.8m
- o Single Government interface \$115.7m
- o Local Service Delivery plans (LIPs) \$18.4m
- o Fixed costs per State and NT \$.9.3
- o Location based costs \$8.8m
- o Building community governance capacity \$67.7m
- o Land tenure \$8.1m
- o Cultural awareness training \$6.1m
- o Translation services \$38.6m

Answer:

The Parties to the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) are responsible for these budget elements.

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery requires statements of expenditure in each location to be presented by the Parties to COAG 12 months after the commencement of implementation of the Local Implementation Plans. These statements of expenditure are currently being finalised through the COAG process. The statements cover the 2010-11 financial year, being the first full year of implementation following agreement to the initial Local Implementation Plans.

Beyond the 2010-11 statements of expenditure, the Commonwealth will continue to track expenditure against these budget elements through the Remote Service Delivery Annual Reports to COAG.