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Senator Siewert asked:

Is it true that there will only be one report on Remote Service Delivery expenditure made to COAG? Why? Who decided this?

Has the Minister approved that form of accounting and has she endorsed the decision to make only one report? Is this regarded as regular and transparent performance monitoring, review and evaluation?

Answer:

Clause 29 of the National Partnership Agreement requires one set of statements of expenditure to be presented by the Parties to COAG 12 months after the commencement of implementation of the Local Implementation Plans. These statements cover the 2010-11 financial year, being the first year of implementation of the initial Local Implementation Plans. There is no requirement in the National Partnership Agreement for further statements of expenditure.

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

The National Partnership Agreement provides for regular performance monitoring, review and evaluation, including a formative evaluation process, a final evaluation or review, and annual reporting to COAG. The Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services also performs a regular monitoring and review function, including bi-annual reporting to the Minister.