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Senator Siewert asked:

How much of the \$18.4m has so far been expended on LIPs in each location and who or how are the LIPs assessed for suitability for purpose? Do the communities participate in the evaluation process?

Answer:

The total expenditure over the first year of the Local Implementation Planning will be included in the Clause 29 statements of expenditure, which are currently being finalised through the COAG process.

The Commonwealth will continue to track expenditure against the Remote Service Delivery budget elements through the Remote Service Delivery Annual Reports to COAG.

Local Implementation Plans are developed in partnership with the communities and government stakeholders. When finalised, Local Implementation Plans are formally signed by governments and community representative groups such as local community reference groups. Communities are able to monitor the implementation of the Local Implementation Plans through these local reference groups or similar community representative structures. The Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services is also consulted on the development of the plans, and is a signatory on a number of plans. Local Implementation Plans are currently being reviewed and refreshed in all priority communities.

The implementation of the Remote Service Delivery strategy, which includes the formative evaluation, involves significant engagement with communities. Community members and local reference groups are actively participating in this process.