

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 282

**Topic:** Remote Service Delivery

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

An amount of \$67.7m has been allocated for ""Building community governance capacity"" over and above the \$201.8m allocation for ""Governance""?

How is that money allocated, how much has been allocated for each specific location, for what specific purpose and what have been the outcomes to date? Has this been evaluated?

**Answer:**

The \$67.7 million for 'Building community governance capacity' is not over and above the \$201.8 million for 'Governance'. The 'Building community governance capacity' is a sub-element of the broader 'Governance' budget element. Expenditure against this element is included in the 2010-11 statements of expenditure, currently being finalised through the COAG process. The Commonwealth component of these funds is allocated to Regional Operations Centres on an annual basis. These funds are expended by Regional Operations Centres to support the governance of local engagement structures, such as local reference groups or community working parties or similar, and funds have also been expended on supporting and strengthening local leadership. The Parties have reported on progress with this component in the Annual Reports to COAG.