

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 7

Question No: 48

Topic: Government Business Managers and Indigenous Engagement Officers

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Senator Scullion asked:

1. How much funding is allocated for Government Business Managers each year over the next four years?
2. How much funding is allocated for Indigenous Engagement Officers each year over the next four years?
3. Can you explain the difference between the role of Government Business Managers and the role of Indigenous Engagement Officers?
4. Can you provide a list of Government Business Manager positions, their locations and whether they are vacant or filled?
5. Can you provide a list of Indigenous Engagement Officer positions, their locations and whether they are vacant or filled and which ones are full time or part time?
6. What proportion of Government Business Managers are Indigenous?
7. What Proportion of Indigenous Engagement Officers are Indigenous?

Answer:

Senator Scullion raised his questions in the context of the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory National Partnership. The following answers relate only to the Northern Territory.

Questions 1, 2 and 3:

Funding allocated to Remote Engagement Teams (Government Engagement Coordinators and Indigenous Engagement Officers) through the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package, and the roles of these teams, can be found in *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Implementation approach for Remote Engagement Teams*, which was released for comment on 2 April 2013 and can be found at

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/04_2013/draft_implementation_plan_ret_v1.3_0.pdf

In addition to the Stronger Futures funding, funding for Government Engagement Coordinators and Indigenous Engagement Officers associated with the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement is shown in the following table:

Total Funding for Remote Engagement Teams in the Northern Territory

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Stronger Futures	8.7	10.2	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.7	124.6
Remote Service Delivery	4.5	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.0
Total	13.2	14.7	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.7	133.6

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Question 4 and 5:

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Implementation approach for Remote Engagement Teams identifies the proposed locations of Government Engagement Coordinators and Indigenous Engagement Officers at 30 June 2014 once the transition to the new arrangements are in place.

The following table identifies the current locations as at 27 March 2013.

GEC & IEO positions as at 27 March 2013				
Community	GEC		IEO	
	Number of Positions	Number filled	Number of Positions	Number filled
Ali Curung	1	1	1	1
Alice Springs	1	1	2	1
Amanbidgi	1	1	-	-
Ampilatwatja	1	1	1	-
Angurugu	1	1	2	2
Barunga	1	1	2	2
Belyuen	1	-	-	-
Borroloola	1	1	2	1
Bullman	1	1	-	-
Darwin	2	2	2	1
Engawala	1	-	-	-
Galiwin'ku	1	1	1	1
Gunbalanya	1	-	1	1
Gapuwiyak	1	1	1	1
Ntaria (Hermannsburg)	1	1	2	1
Imanpa	1	1	-	-
Jilkminggan	1	1	1	1
Kalkarindji	1	1	1	1
Kaltukatjara	1	1	-	-
Kintore	1	1	-	-
Lajamanu	1	1	1	1
Maningrida	1	1	1	1
Milingimbi	1	1	1	1
Minjilang	1	1	-	-
Nauiyu	1	1	1	1
Ngukurr	1	1	1	1
Numbulwar	1	1	1	1

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GEC & IEO positions as at 27 March 2013				
	GEC		IEO	
Community	Number of Positions	Number filled	Number of Positions	Number filled
Owairtilla	1	1	-	-
Papunya	1	1	1	-
Peppimenarti	1	1	-	-
Pmara Jutunta	1	1	-	-
Ramingining	1	1	1	1
Santa Teresa	1	1	-	-
Wadeye	1	1	1	-
Wurrumiyanga	1	1	1	1
Yirrkala	1	1	1	1
Yuelamu	1	1	-	-
Yuendumu	1	1	1	1
Total	39	36	31	24

Question 6:

Five (14 per cent) of the 36 Government Engagement Coordinators in the Northern Territory identify as Indigenous.

Question 7:

100 per cent of Indigenous Engagement Officers identify as Indigenous. Indigenous Engagement Officer positions are a 'special measure' and are required to be filled by Indigenous applicants.