

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Question:

How has the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) communicated the changes to SEAM to affected persons and the broader community?

Answer:

The then Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), the Northern Territory Department of Education (NT DoE), and the Department of Human Services (the department) undertook community information sessions in affected communities prior to the implementation of the new model of the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM).

The community information sessions were held on the following dates:

- Katherine and Katherine Town Camps - 12 – 16 November 2012;
- Numbulwar - 18 – 21 February 2013;
- Milyakburra - 22 February – 1 March 2013;
- Groote Eylandt (Alyangula, Angurugu, Umbakumba) - 25 February – 1 March 2013;
- Wadeye - 14 – 15 April 2013;
- Wallace Rockhole and Ntaria - 29 April – 3 May 2013;
- Alice Springs - 7 – 10 May 2013;
- Yuendumu - 20 – 21 May 2013;
- Lajamanu - 27 – 31 May 2013;
- Ngukurr - 3 – 7 June 2013;
- Tennant Creek - 17 – 21 June 2013; and
- Gunbalanya - 13 – 15 January 2014.

The department also produced a DVD in English and 11 local languages, and brochures and fact sheets were distributed to affected communities.