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Senator Boyce asked:

In Queensland, why were Aurukun, Coen, Hopevale and Mossman Gorge selected to participate in the RSD NP given they were already two years into the Cape York Welfare Reform project?

Answer:

The identification of the RSD priority communities was made following detailed bi-lateral discussions between the Australian and Queensland governments. These decisions were informed by the agreed National Principles for investments and sequencing of investments in remote locations which are contained in Schedules A and B of the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement (http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/national_partnership_agreements/indigenous.aspx).

Of particular significance to the selection of the Cape York locations, Schedule B of the RSD NPA states:

- Areas where we have already applied significant reform effort that can be readily built upon:
 - that is, locations where communities have demonstrated a willingness to actively participate in the change process, support by strong leadership;
- preparedness to participate in steps to rebuild social norms – for example, welfare reform and alcohol management.