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Topic: Substance Abuse in Indigenous Communities

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Senator Boyce asked:

Will the election promise of \$20m over four years to support community led solutions for tackling substance abuse in Indigenous communities including Alcohol Management Plans and targeted programs to prevent the normalisation of substance abuse amongst young indigenous people commence on 1 July 2011? If not, why?

Answer:

The Australian Government has allocated \$20 million over three years (2011–14) through the Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Indigenous Communities Election Commitment to support new community-led solutions for tackling alcohol and drug abuse in Indigenous communities. This funding is available from 1 July 2011 and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is working to implement the program.