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Senator Siewert asked:

Reconciliation Australia's calculation of the budget expenditure indicates that, for this financial year, there has been about a 4%, or about \$152m drop. Can you indicate whether that is correct?

Answer:

This is not correct. The 2012-13 Budget delivered a significant increase in investment on Indigenous programs, including the \$3.4 billion Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package and \$1.5 billion through the new Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

Reconciliation Australia's analysis does not examine the total amount of Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure across all government agencies. It was focussed on only three agencies. This does not reflect total Indigenous expenditure.