

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

Outcome Number: 7

Question No: 342

Topic: Nutrition and food security in the APY lands

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Senator Scullion asked:

- a) Is OATSIH aware of the cessation of funding to Mai Wiru for the provision of assistance to increase store nutrition awareness and general governance and management advice to community stores in the APY lands?
- b) What review has been conducted to assess the improvement in store nutrition policies and practices?
- c) Can copies of any reviews be provided to the committee?
- d) What measures are in place or being supported in order to maintain store nutrition and management standards in the APY Lands?
- e) Is funding to be provided to Outback Stores to provide future support in the APY lands?
- f) What is the amount of this funding?
- g) Was this decision made by OATSIH or FAHCSIA?
- h) Were APY communities consulted about this decision?
- i) Will Outback Stores be establishing and stores on the lands, and if yes, where?
- j) Are Outback Stores being contracted or assisted by the government to take over management of any APY Lands community stores?

Answer:

(a) to (d) Mai Wiru has received an extension of current funding.

(e) to (h) Outback Stores has received funding of \$93.5m to date to manage stores on behalf of communities in remote Australia and to fund improvements in the infrastructure of stores.

(i) to (j) Outback Stores will only operate a community store where it is invited to do so by the community. Outback Stores currently operates the store on behalf of the Mimili community in the APY Lands.