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Senator Siewert asked:

Given the Scorecard released by the National Sorry Day Committee on 26 May 2011 was very critical of the lack of progress under the Stolen Generations Working Partnership, what steps are now being taken to increase transparency and accountability under the Partnership?

Answer:

The Department has introduced bi-annual forums that are chaired by FaHCSIA and bring together the Stolen Generations Alliance and the National Sorry Day Committee with relevant government agencies. The forums will be held in September and March, in preparation for two highly significant days in the Stolen Generations' calendar – the Anniversary of the Apology (February) and Sorry Day (May).

The National Sorry Day Committee and Stolen Generations Alliance have been funded \$20,000 each to assist them with the costs of attending the Forums. The first forum was held on 30 September 2011.

The Department has developed an Action Plan based on priorities identified by Stolen Generation Working Partnership members in the Stolen Generations Working Partnership. The draft Plan has been distributed to the Stolen Generations' organisations and all Government agencies identified in the Stolen Generations Working Partnership for comment and input. All parties have contributed to the Plan in some way.

FaHCSIA is actively tracking progress made against all priorities identified during the Forum or interagency meetings of the Stolen Generations Working Partnership.