Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Personal Helpers and Mentors Program on the APY Lands

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Senator Siewert asked:

Has the PHaMs program been established in the APY community of Mimili and, if not, when is this expected to happen?

In which other APY communities does the PHaMs program operate and how often do program staff engage with clients in those communities? (Daily? Weekly? Monthly?)

Answer:

The PHaMs provider is based in Amata and provides outreach services to Mimili. The provider currently engages with clients in Amata on a daily basis through a range of activities for youth and one-to one assistance to other participants. Some of the community activities occur on weekends.

Community engagement activities have been undertaken with Fregon, Ernabella-Pukatja, Pipalyaltjara and Mimili.

A PHaMs Cultural Broker has been appointed to work alongside the PHaMs team in Mimili.