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Topic: Indigenous government funding agreements

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Could the Director General provide details of the place that had 68 different funding agreements and reporting arrangements - where was it and which organisation?

Answer:

In my role as Coordinator General, I conduct regular visits to the 29 Remote Service Delivery priority sites and engage with many government and non-government service providers in each community. From this local engagement I am advised on regular occasions that in some communities there are many funding agreements in place for different providers from multiple government agencies.

One of the key roles of the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership is to work through these issues and develop a more integrated approach to service delivery. I am aware that a number of Australian Government agencies together with States and the Northern Territory are working to streamline agreements and reduce red tape, especially for non-government service providers and although there is still work to be done there have been some improvements.