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Dear Senator Scullion

I am writing in response to correspondence from you to the Secretary of my Department, Mr Finn Pratt PSM and to the Secretaries of a number of Australian Government Departments. You requested a list of all Indigenous programs and a range of information about those programs.

It is appropriate and common practice that correspondence seeking information about the administration of government programs should be directed to Ministers, not Secretaries. As such, I am responding on behalf of relevant portfolio Ministers.

The Australian Government is committed to public accountability in relation to Indigenous programs, to ensure they are properly targeted and effective in overcoming Indigenous disadvantage. Through portfolio Budget statements, departmental annual reports, the Prime Minister's annual Closing the Gap Statement and COAG reporting processes, we have established strong monitoring and accountability arrangements.

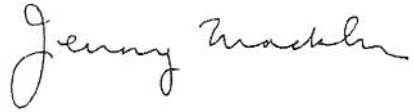
The Government is making unprecedented investments to Close the Gap, to overcome decades of under-investment in services and infrastructure in both mainstream and Indigenous specific programs. This includes major investments in housing, Indigenous health, education and employment.

Information about Indigenous programs is available in relevant Portfolio Budget Statements and is available at <http://www.budget.gov.au> and in Departmental annual reports which are available on each Department's website. I have attached a list of Indigenous programs for my Department, which are publicly available on the sites identified, for your reference.

Senators can, of course, seek information relating to Budget estimates through the Budget estimates process, including through questions on notice. As is normal practice, officials will be available to answer detailed questions in relation to appropriations at the forthcoming Estimates Hearing. You also have the opportunity to direct parliamentary questions on notice to Ministers.

Thank you for your continuing interest in these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jenny Macklin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

JENNY MACKLIN MP

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Indigenous 7.0	Closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage with improved wellbeing, capacity to participate economically and socially and to manage life-transitions for Indigenous Australians through Indigenous engagement, coordinated whole of government policy advice and targeted support services.	7.1	Economic Development and Participation	To improve the capacity of Indigenous Australians to participate in the economy.	Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) Program	To strengthen Indigenous communities and support Indigenous people in remote areas through community development and participation opportunities that develop skills, improve capacity, work readiness and employability and link with local priorities.
		7.2	Indigenous housing and infrastructure	To improve the quality and supply of Indigenous housing and infrastructure in remote communities.	Remote Indigenous Housing	To deliver programs and projects that support the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, as part of the \$5.5 billion commitment, including the Remote Indigenous Energy Program, the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program, and other housing and infrastructure projects. In addition, funding is provided for delivery of some municipal and essential services to Indigenous communities under existing arrangements pending the implementation of revised arrangements for roles, responsibilities and funding across governments as agreed under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.
			Indigenous Boarding Hostels Partnerships			To provide funding to establish student accommodation for Indigenous young people from remote areas.

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