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Question

Flexible literacy

Senator O'NEILL: There were a number of community partnerships that addressed particular Indigenous learning disadvantage... Mr Cook: There were some subprograms in the low SES national partnership. That money continues through the schools funding model. That money continues and is indexed. National partnerships were never indexed. Ms Paul: And there is a new loading. Indigenous students attract a higher loading, now—every single one of them—rather than having a targeted programmatic approach. Mr Cook: This was additional money we got, through MYEFO to the portfolio, for that election commitment. Ms Paul: For the flexible literacy. It is additional, in other words. Senator O'NEILL: Can you tell me about the performance evaluation criteria? Mr Cook: We can take that on notice. We are in the process of selecting the candidates for that.

Answer

The evaluation will be delivered concurrently over the course of the Flexible Literacy for Remote Primary Schools programme.

The evaluation criteria for the programme will be developed with the evaluation being conducted independently.