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**Question:**

Senator SIEWERT: What about early childhood development?

Ms Carroll: The evaluation is currently in train.

Senator SIEWERT: Does that include talking to communities and service deliveries?

Ms Carroll: I do not have the detail of what that involves, but we could provide that.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you perhaps take that on notice?

Ms Carroll: Yes.

**Answer:**

Urbis Consulting was contracted in June 2012 to carry out the evaluation of the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership. The evaluation has involved consultation with stakeholders, national fieldwork, qualitative and quantitative data collection, analysis and reporting. This has included site visits to a number of service providers, communities and jurisdictions.