

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

The head of Prime Minister Abbott's Indigenous Advisory Council, Mr Warren Mundine, is seeking the Commonwealth Government's support for a trial program aimed at moving young offenders into jobs and training programs in Western Australia.

- a. Will the Government provide federal funding for the trial?
- b. Has the proposal been considered by the Government?
- c. Who within the Government has responsibility for the decision to support the trial?
- d. Has the department or the Minister met with Mr Mundine to discuss the trial?
If not, why not?
- e. Has the trial been assessed in the context of the Forrest Review?

Answer:

Decisions on potential new expenditure and programmes are matters for the Government.