

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

It was reported in The Australian on 15 February 2014 that the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council had ordered bureaucrats to come up with ways to re-engage up to 40,000 Indigenous youths who are missing from the system as a matter of urgency.

- a. Is the department currently undertaking work to develop interventions to engage these Indigenous youths? Please detail the work being undertaken.
- b. Does this work include development of diversionary programs to be rolled out nationally?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet supports a number of youth diversion activities including through the Indigenous Justice Programme, the Youth In Communities Programme, Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Indigenous Communities Activity, and the Petrol Sniffing Strategy.

Proceedings of the Indigenous Advisory Council are confidential.