

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

1. Which Minister and department has responsibility for funding the RECOGNISE community awareness campaign for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
2. Has the Minister for Indigenous Affairs or the department consulted with any other Minister or department regarding an increase in funding for RECOGNISE?
3. Has the Minister or department officials met with RECOGNISE to discuss future funding needs of the campaign?
4. Will the Government commit to an increase in funding for RECOGNISE, given the need to accelerate and expand the campaign?

Answer:

1. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has responsibility for funding the 'Recognise' campaign.
2. The Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs are working together on constitutional recognition. The Attorney-General's Department and PM&C are also consulting closely on relevant matters, including funding for 'Recognise'.
3. Yes.
4. The appropriate level of funding for the campaign is being closely monitored by the Government and regularly discussed with the management of 'Recognise'.