

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: Outcome 2: Indigenous

Topic: NPARIH – change in funding model

Senator: Moore, Claire

Question reference number: 100

Type of question: FPA Friday 12 February 2016, Pages 32 & 33

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

Number of pages: 1

Question:

Ms Marie Taylor: As I think my colleague has said, that funding reduction has gone into the property and tenancy management area, which is the area where we are intending to lift outcomes. And the funding has been redirected into the CDP program, which we anticipate housing works will actually work closely with and benefit from.

Senator MOORE: Can I get, on notice, a more fulsome explanation of that? The impact on remote housing is not just on construction; it is on the overall operations of the program, including all elements. The first part of your answer was that you are going to invest more money into capital and tenancy management; you are going to look at outcomes there, which is where the cuts are. On notice, can I get more about what that justification is? I actually already know the justification around employment. I can see where it was, but I just think we could debate that all day, and I do not think that would be valuable for either of us really.

Ms Marie Taylor: Certainly.

Answer:

Funding for the Strategy was reduced in the 2015-16 Federal Budget by \$96 million and redirected to the Community Development Programme (CDP). The reduction of 6.6 per cent over three years was applied to the Property and Tenancy Management component in 2017-18.

Housing contractors can employ local Indigenous workers and receive outcome payments under the CDP. States will be encouraged to work with CDP providers so local people can be trained and readied for work, both in housing construction and property and tenancy management. In addition, states will be asked to develop work for the dole activities which improve the condition, amenity and longevity of housing, for example tenancy education courses; fencing or painting houses – activities which all contribute to better outcomes for, and reduce the cost of, property and tenancy management.