

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

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**Question:**

The 2015-16 MYEFO measure Addressing welfare reliance in remote communities has a cost of \$25.9 million, which 'will be offset from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy'. What is the total amount that the Government has reduced the IAS by, since its announcement?

**Answer:**

The Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) commenced in the 2014-15 Budget with funding of \$4.8 billion over four years. Like most programmes the IAS is frequently subject to decisions of government which affect funding levels, like the Addressing Welfare Reliance in Remote Communities measure. The culmination of these decisions has seen no reduction in the IAS since its commencement with funding of \$4.9 billion over four years now appropriated.