

**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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**Topic:** Stronger Futures

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

The 2015-16 Budget announced the replacement of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory with a new National Partnership Agreement on Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment.

- a. Budget Paper No. 2 2015-16 shows a redirection of \$988.2 million over eight years for the new NPA on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment. Where is this money being redirected from?
- b. Provide details on the funding committed over the eight years of the new NPA on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment on a year-by-year basis.
- c. Is the net additional \$61.3 million for the new NPA on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment new money? Is it offset in the Budget?
- d. Is the NPA on Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment publicly available? Will it be published on the Council of Federal Financial Relations' website, or the department's website? If not, why?
- e. Can you provide a list of programs currently funded under the NPA on Stronger Futures?
- f. Which elements of the NPA on Stronger Futures will no longer be funded?
- g. Provide a list of programs and projects that will be funded under the new NPA on Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment.

**Answer:**

- a. The \$988.2 million investment (2015-16 to 2021-22) comprises funding previously allocated as payments for transfer to the Northern Territory under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory National Partnership Agreement.
- b. New arrangements are currently being negotiated with the Northern Territory (NT) Government. Once the new NPA has been agreed by both parties, the agreement and relevant implementation plans will be published on the Council of Federal Financial Relations' website.

- c. The net additional \$61.3 million highlighted in Budget Paper 2 reflects the movement of funding from the later 6 years of the previous arrangement into 2015-16 to allow for an early payment to the NT of \$155 million to support it assuming full responsibility for municipal and essential services in remote communities.
- d. Please refer to (b)
- e. Programmes and activities that were funded under the Stronger Futures NPA can be found on the Council of Federal Financial Relations' website under the relevant Implementation Plans, and include those listed below. Note that programmes were funded for various lengths of time, and that the NPA also funded capital works, housing upgrades, municipal and essential services, staffing and traineeships, capacity building services and other non-programme activities.

As referred to in QoN 327, the new NPA no longer refers to \$1.4 billion of COPE funding, which will continue to fund programmes and services through other avenues such as the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS). Services previously funded by Stronger Futures COPE have largely continued under the IAS.

#### Schooling IP

Additional teachers  
Teacher Housing  
Quality Teaching Initiative  
SEAM  
School Nutrition Program

#### Child, Youth Family and Community Wellbeing IP

Remote Aboriginal Family Community Worker Program  
Women's Safe Houses  
Mobile Child Protection Teams  
Stronger Communities for Children  
Supported Playgroups  
Youth Services  
Men's and Women's Services  
Child and Parenting Services  
Crèches

#### Community Safety and Justice IP

Remote Policing Services  
Support for specialist units and task forces  
Supplementary legal assistance  
Community Patrols

#### Alice Springs Transformation IP

Alcohol Treatment (Safe and Sober program)  
School enrolment and attendance (Families and Schools Together Program, Ready and Willing for School Program, and Indigenous Parent and Children School Engagement Program)  
Safety and wellbeing of women and children (Domestic and Family Violence Outreach Program, Youth and Community Centre Program)  
Support for at-risk tenants (Intensive Tenancy Sustainability Program)

### Housing IP

Housing upgrades and asbestos removal

### Health IP

Hearing Health Services

Oral Health Services

Mobile Outreach Services *Plus* Program

Primary Health Care Service Delivery and Reform

Remote Area Health Corps

Alcohol and Other Drug Workers

Food Security

### Tackling Alcohol Abuse IP

Community Alcohol Management Planning

Enhanced Long Term Licensing and Compliance

Respectful Signs

### Remote Engagement and Coordination IP

Aboriginal Interpreter Services

- f. Please refer to (b)
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