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Question:

The Minister recently announced an \$80 million 3-year extension for the Remote School Attendance Strategy, funded from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

- a. Is this \$80 million being drawn from remaining non-committed funds in the IAS, or does it include money provided to organisations through the IAS competitive round for school attendance programs?
- b. How much funding was provided through the IAS competitive round for school attendance projects?
- c. How is that \$80 million being rolled out? Through CDP (previously RJCP) providers?

Answer:

- a. The \$80 million is drawn from non-committed IAS funds.
- b. Through the IAS competitive round, \$11.3 million was approved for projects specific to school attendance projects.
- c. Providers will be selected through a direct grant allocation process, as defined in the Indigenous Advancement Strategy guidelines. The Department is currently negotiating with a number of organisations to deliver RSAS in 2016. It is expected that providers will be a mixture of both CDP providers and other organisations.