

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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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

In relation to the Women's Safety package, what steps has the Minister or department taken to ensure that mainstream elements of the women's safety package will benefit Aboriginal women?

- a. How will Aboriginal community controlled organisations be resourced to partner with mainstream organisations? Will funding be auspiced through mainstream organisations for Indigenous-specific services?
- b. What processes has the department put in place to ensure coordination with other departments to ensure they cater better for Aboriginal women? Describe how those processes include engagement with Aboriginal community controlled organisations.
- c. Will any funding be made available to Indigenous-specific organisations from this package?

Answer:

An Inter-Agency Committee on Reducing Violence against Women and their Children has been set up to progress the Australian Government's work in reducing the levels of violence against women and their children.

The Department is working through the Inter-Agency Committee to ensure other agencies engage with Indigenous organisations and communities where appropriate.

Funding being provided directly to Indigenous organisations includes funding for Indigenous specific prisoner rehabilitation services, a targeted intervention for at risk young mothers, an Indigenous legal assistance provider and family violence prevention legal services.