

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 3

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Question No. 185

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2012:

What funding is the Government providing towards preventative, early intervention and diversion programs in criminal justice expenditure?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Over \$32 million has been provided under section 298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (POCA) to support community crime prevention projects that fall under the broad definition of prevention, early intervention and diversion.

Funding of approximately \$11.6 million has been provided under the Indigenous Justice Program to reduce adverse contact of Indigenous Australians with the criminal justice system. The objective is to support safer communities by reducing Indigenous offending, and through that, reducing Indigenous victimisation and incarceration. Under the Guidelines for the Program, one of the priorities is to fund prevention and diversion projects for Indigenous youth at risk of adverse contact with the criminal justice system.