

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

**Group: 2**

**Program: 1.5**

**Question: BE14/090**

**Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:**

1. I refer to this year's Portfolio Budget Statement for the Attorney-General's Department at page 32. Please confirm where each of the Indigenous Law and Justice Programs have been moved to pursuant to the Administrative Arrangement Order of 18 September 2013?
2. Have there been any cuts to the total funding for each of these important programs?
3. How will the transfer of these programs and any cuts better support access to justice for Indigenous Australians?

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

1. Three Indigenous Law and Justice programmes moved to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet pursuant to the Administrative Arrangement Order of 18 September 2013:
  - Indigenous Justice Programme
  - Family Violence Prevention Legal Services for Indigenous Australians, and
  - Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory – community safety and justice measure.

The Indigenous Legal Assistance Programme remains the responsibility of the Attorney-General's Department.

2. The Indigenous Legal Assistance Programme was reduced by \$13.25m over four years as part of the MYEFO process. Questions about the other programmes should be directed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
3. This is a question for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.