

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 44**

**Senator McLucas asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:**

Can a breakdown of the amount for 2005-06 allocated for travel to service clients in remote areas be provided?

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

This information is not available.

Commonwealth funding for the provision of legal aid services to Indigenous Australians is allocated essentially on a State-wide basis in accordance with a national Funding Allocation Model, implemented by the Department on 1 July 2005.

Legal services contracts have been established in all States (NSW covers the ACT) with one service provider, other than in Queensland and the Northern Territory where contracts have been established with two service providers.

Each service provider is responsible for administering its allocated contract funds. The Department is therefore unable to identify budget allocations by providers for specific line items. The contracts with the providers do not specify the amounts providers are to allocate for travel.