

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

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Question No. 126

Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

Apparently the Department did modelling on CLCs that demonstrated enhanced productivity when funding was brought up to \$500,000 each. Can you confirm this? What happens at this threshold to make the difference?

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

One of the recommendations in the report of the Review of the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program was that a funding model should be adopted for the allocation of any new funding provided to the Program.

Some consultation has taken place with Program stakeholders about a Program funding model. However, a model has not been agreed or implemented at this stage. Neither the modelling nor consultation undertaken has included productivity outcomes for funding at any specified amount.

The National Association of Community Legal Centres made a submission to the Review including its *Revised Funding Formula for Community Legal Centres* which proposed the implementation of a Strategic Services Delivery Model with costings of baseline funding for each CLC of around \$500,000.