

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(253) Output 3.1: Whole-of-Government Coordination of Policy Development and Service Delivery for Indigenous Australians

Senator Siewert asked:

How is the spread of resources delivered to communities through SRAs determined to address equity issues and ensure that support and services are reaching those who most need them?

Answer:

SRAs deliver funds through discretionary Government programs that are in addition to essential services and benefits that all Australians are entitled to. These discretionary programs are administered by a range of Australian Government agencies who apply needs based planning and take into consideration the priorities identified by communities in the allocation of resources.