

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

**Group 2**

**Program 1.3**

**Question No. 74**

**Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

1. Please detail the programs under Indigenous Justice that have moved from the Attorney-General's Department to other Departments, particularly Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. How is the Government's election commitment to cut \$42m from the Indigenous Legal Assistance and Policy Reform Program being implemented?
3. Have you received any advice from, or provided any advice to, the Government's new Indigenous Advisory Council on the impact of these cuts?
4. The Attorney-General has indicated that these cuts will not affect front-line services. How will you ensure that front-line, or casework, services are not affected?

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

1. The Indigenous Justice programs that have been moved from the Attorney-General's Department are the Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, Indigenous Justice Program, Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Community Safety and Justice, and the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service. These programs are now all with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. The Government has not finalised details of funding.
3. No
4. The funding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services will ensure that there is a focus on providing front line services to Indigenous people who need legal help.