

Budget Estimates – Cross Portfolio Questions taken on notice

Friday 7 June 2024

Senator Roberts asked Dr Gordon about money spent by NIAA on the referendum.

The NIAA was funded a total of \$23.5 million. This comprised:

- \$11.5 million for a civics education program
- \$12 million for NIAA resourcing including support for the three advisory groups.

Senator Roberts asked Ms Jackson about expenditure, over the last 8 years, on companies that provide contract services. The NIAA was established on 1 July 2019.

The below table outlines the expenditure and associated details for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 May 2024:

| <u>NIAA Contracts 1 Jul 19 – 31 May 24</u> | Total Number of Contracts | Total Value of Contracts (GST Inc.) |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Number of Contracts Published | 1918 | \$477,319,630 |
| Total Number of Contracts with Indigenous Companies | 378 | \$110,509,198 |
| <i>Percentage with Indigenous Companies</i> | <i>20%</i> | <i>23%</i> |

Senator Cox asked Ms Guivarra and Mr O’Sullivan about First Nations Prison to Employment Program. The NIAA confirms that we will take the questions on notice about this matter and re-direct to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations who is responsible for this program and can provide responses.

Senator Liddle asked Ms Broun and Ms Jackson about the NIAA’s compliance with the Child Safety Framework. NIAA takes child safety seriously, both our work as an Agency and the work we fund. As a Commonwealth entity, the NIAA must publish a statement of compliance with the Framework each year. The NIAA is compliant with the Framework, reported annually in line with the Framework on the NIAA’s website at <https://www.niaa.gov.au/resource-centre/annual-statement-compliance-commonwealth-child-safe-framework-2023>. The most recent statement was published on 26 October 2023.

This Statement of Compliance is supported by the Agency’s Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) policy, which complies with the four requirements of the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework.

In addition, Service Providers must complete a mandatory annual Statement of Compliance to confirm compliance with their obligations for working with children and vulnerable people, which is included in funding agreements. Organisations who do not provide a statement of compliance are subject to sanctions, including withholding of payments and termination of their agreements. Further, the NIAA's site visit checklist also requires staff to check for evidence of compliance with Working with Vulnerable People Including Children and Work Health and Safety obligations. The NIAA's proactive compliance review program includes examination of provider compliance with WWVP (or equivalent) requirements.

Spillover Budget Estimates – Cross Portfolio Questions taken on notice

Tuesday 25 June 2024

Senator Nampijinpa Price asked Ms Bellenger what 13 activities is funded by NIAA to North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)

- NIAA funds NAAJA \$11,187,153 million over 13 funded activities in FY23-24.
- NIAA funding to NAAJA in 2023-24 financial year is summarised below.

| # | Activity Title | Start - End Date | Funding (23-24 FY) |
|----|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Adult Prisoner Through Care - Central Australia | 01/07/2022- 30/06/2025 | \$742,094 |
| 2 | Youth Justice Advocacy Coordinator - Central Australia | 01/07/2021- 30/06/2025 | \$113,062 |
| 3 | Supplementary Legal Assistance - Central | 01/07/2020- 30/06/2025 | \$1,035,539 |
| 4 | Adult Prisoner Through Care - Top End | 15/03/2019- 30/06/2025 | \$1,613,347 |
| 5 | Supplementary Legal Assistance - Top End | 01/07/2020 - 30/06/2025 | \$1,345,365 |
| 6 | Youth Through Care | 01/07/2021 - 30/06/2024 | \$1,300,000 |
| 7 | Community Night Patrol Legal Training and Support Activities | 01/07/2021 - 30/06/2025 | \$290,000 |
| 8 | Kunga Stopping Violence Program | 01/07/2022 - 30/06/2025 | \$520,278 |
| 9 | Custody Notification Service | 01/07/2021 - 30/06/2024 | \$520,944 |
| 10 | Aboriginal Governance and Management Program | 01/12/2023 - 30/06/2025 | \$1,045,000 |
| 11 | APO NT Sector Strengthening | 15/11/2021 - 30/06/2024 | \$400,000 |
| 12 | APO NT Strategic Support and Engagement (Remote Australia Strategies Program) | 20/04/2022 - 30/06/2024 | \$2,191,000 |
| 13 | The True Justice Deep Listening Initiative | 01/07/2022 – 30/06/2025 | \$70,524 |