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Topic: Coordination of youth activities

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Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide an example of instances where communities are benefitting from better coordinated youth activities?

Answer:

In the Second Six Monthly Report, the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services recommended that Youth Action Plans be included in future Local Implementation Plans to ensure there are co-ordinated youth programs in all priority communities.

Many communities are in the process of developing such plans including Amata, Mimili, Halls Creek, Bardi Jawi, Beagle Bay, Fitzroy Crossing, Angurugu, Umbakumba, Ntaria (Hermannsburg) and Wadeye.

Although some communities are still developing a Youth Action Plan, many communities are working to better coordinate youth initiatives and services. Examples include:

- The Mt Theo Program is identified in the Yuendumu Local Implementation Plan as a key partner for many of the plan's actions, particularly in regard to youth and recreation facilities;
- In Walgett a youth interagency approach is being developed, and in Wilcannia support for the only youth service is being enhanced whilst facility improvement is being examined;
- The Queensland Department of Communities is consulting with the youth sector about consolidating 11 youth initiatives into a single initiative to improve services to young people;
- In Doomadgee a Youth Co-ordinator is being recruited to integrate youth services across the community;
- In Aurukun the Government Coordination Officer, PCYC and Aurukun Council have been working together to improve the coordination of programs and activities for youth in Aurukun. The Queensland Government has funded substantial work to refurbish the recreation hall and swimming pool in Aurukun to compliment these activities; and

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- In Amata a youth representative body has been developed to ensure youth interests are incorporated into planning and decision making in the community.

In October 2010, the state government released Youthconnect, South Australia's Youth Strategy 2010-2014, which provides a framework for the delivery of youth services in South Australia. A meeting of stakeholders involved in the development of the Amata Youth Action Plan was held in March 2011 to finalise the service delivery model to be used in the roll out of the Amata Youth Action Plan.

The Coordinator General will continue to monitor the development of Youth Action Plans and the development of youth services in the Remote Service Delivery priority communities.