

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Senator Siewert asked on 7 June 2013, Hansard page 63

RJCP - funding deeds - organisations without experience in remote communities

Question

Senator PAYNE: Then the next question is: were any of the funding deeds awarded to organisations that had never worked in any capacity in remote Indigenous communities before?

Ms Milliken: I think that is the same answer.

Ms J Taylor: I think the answer is no.

Ms Milliken: Can I just clarify that? I think there are none where the provider or a subcontractor has not provided some service in that region—some program or service more broadly—and is not known to that region. And, in terms of providing JSA, CDEP or disability employment services in a region, I would need to take it on notice but I think it is a very small number.

Senator SIEWERT: Can I just clarify that? Where organisations have subcontractors that do not have that rural experience—and I am not asking about subcontractors; I am asking about the main organisation—

Ms Milliken: Sorry?

Senator SIEWERT: I am not asking about the subcontractors; I am asking about the main organisation. So I understand the issue about the subcontractors working in the community, but are there organisations that have contracts that do not have experience in remote areas, who are relying solely on the subcontractors to provide that experience? That is my question.

Ms Milliken: I do not believe so.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice to double-check?

Ms Milliken: Yes.

Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.

Answer

In every region the successful RJCP provider (as a single entity or at least one member of the consortium or joint venture partners) has experience in remote communities.