

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs**

**Question No: SQ17-000432**

**Topic: Indigenous affairs Special Account**

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**Senator Malarndirri McCarthy asked:**

In Budget Paper No. 4, at page122: What is the services for other entities and Indigenous affairs special account? The figures do not explain it for each area. Could I get a figure that goes with the Indigenous affairs special account? The figure of \$706 million is the closing balance along there.

**Answer:**

As at the 2017-18 Budget, the Department of Social Services does not have an Indigenous affairs special account.

All Indigenous affairs special accounts within the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs were transferred to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders of 18 September 2013.

The purpose of the Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys Special Account (SOETM) (page 122 of Budget Paper No.4 refers) can be found at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2010L02727>.

The \$0.706 million closing balance of the SOETM Special Account relates to Program 2.1 – Families and Communities.