

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Topic:** Cut from NPARIH in the 2014 budget

**Senator:** Moore, Claire

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**Question:**

Senator MOORE: In terms of the cut from NPARIH in the 2014 budget, which I am led to believe was \$95 million, were jurisdictions advised of the reduction?

Ms Marie Taylor: Yes.

Senator MOORE: Were they advised in writing?

Ms Marie Taylor: They were certainly advised verbally and, yes, they were advised in writing.

Senator MOORE: If they were advised in writing, could we get a copy of the letter.

Ms Marie Taylor: Yes.

Senator MOORE: If there is a variation in the letter between states and territories, we would like it, but if it is a standard letter then there can be just one that is across the top.

**Answer:**

Jurisdictions were advised of the funding reduction to the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing in the 2015-16 Budget verbally by Departmental officials and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, and in writing by Minister Scullion on 21 May 2015.

The Department is seeking the approval of state and territory Governments to release these letters.