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**Senator:** Kakoschke-Moore, Skye

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**Question:**

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: I am just wondering whether there has been any thought that has been given to programs in Ceduna. We know that with the cashless debit card trial that is happening there at the moment there are a number of wraparound services that are operating but there was quite a concerning report from The Guardian not too long ago about, in particular, the amount of youths that are in the justice system in Ceduna in particular. Is that something the department is looking at?

Ms Hefren-Webb: That is something that we are very aware of and concerned about. We are in discussion with the leaders in Ceduna about what might be the most useful approach. As you know, the states and territories have the main responsibility for justice and for drug and alcohol services et cetera, but what we usually do is where we think there are particular gaps or the Commonwealth can leverage some extra investment, so we are certainly in discussions.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Could you provide, if it is available, information about some of those gaps or levers that you would be looking to address as part of those discussions?

Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes, we could certainly look into that.

**Answer:**

- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) currently funds a range of youth services in the Far West region of South Australia. This includes the Ceduna Youth Hub, the Remote School Attendance Strategy in Koonibba and Yalata (including after school and school holiday programs), Centacare and the Street Beat programme which provides a referral service for youth across the region.
- Funding is also provided for activity based projects through the Adelaide Football Club, the SANFL, Will Power and Whitelion, who deliver programs to support youth around school holiday periods and increase engagement with school.

- PM&C is a member of the Ceduna Service Reform Leadership and Taskforce groups led by the South Australian Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. These groups provide strategic oversight and multiagency coordination for youth initiatives including the Flexible Learning Options (FLO) programme in Ceduna as well as identify gaps and service needs in the region.