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Question:

Senator SMITH: Thus far there have been five funding agreements to support the RECOGNISE campaign?

Ms Anderson: That is right.

Senator SMITH: I am assuming that those funding agreements are monitored and reported.

Ms Anderson: Yes, they are.

Senator SMITH: So if we start with the first one, were all the elements of the funding agreement met?

Ms Anderson: Yes. For each of the time periods that the funding has been provided the performance indicators have been met.

Senator SMITH: What were the performance indicators?

Ms Anderson: I can give you the performance indicators for the current funding agreement. I will need to take the previous ones on notice...

Answer:

Reconciliation Australia (RA) is being funded \$30.73 million over five years, from early July 2012 to 30 June 2017, to build public awareness and community support for constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, and to progress grassroots community awareness initiatives.

The original funding agreement was signed on 2 July 2012. It was subsequently varied seven times to continue funding and with each variation the activities have been updated. The current funding agreement has an end date of 30 June 2017.

Performance indicators have been reviewed with each variation, and these are set out below. For the requirements to be met, Recognise has to submit a number of documents that are assessed against the performance indicators. These documents include; activity work plans, performance reports against the work plan and performance indicators, annual audited financial report and a final completion report. The release of funding is contingent on submitting these reports and meeting the performance indicators.

Reconciliation Australia has met all of the performance indicators throughout this period.

The Performance Indicator for the Recognise financial agreements for the periods 6 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 and 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 was reporting on how well the outcomes/objectives were met, as set out in specific activity schedule.

The Performance Indicators between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2017 are:

1. Reporting on how well the outcomes/objectives were met, as set out in specific activity schedule. This is determined based on all the performance reporting submitted.
2. Recognition of Indigenous peoples in the Constitution: Constitutional Recognition activity participation; Support for Constitutional Recognition. This is determined in reference to the proportion of the population that supports constitutional recognition, as demonstrated by benchmark, survey data or agreed milestones.
3. Number and proportion of Indigenous people employed in/volunteered in delivery of the funded Project. This is measured by the number and percentage of Indigenous people who are employed or volunteer in delivery, as a proportion of all staff.

As above, the performance indicators were met in 2014-15 and 2015-16.