

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Municipal services funding

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

1. What States is the Commonwealth Government in negotiations with about municipal and essential services funding? On what date did the Minister begin negotiations and/ or make contact with his State counterparts about municipal services funding? Is this contact documented?
2. How much funding is in the contingency reserve for municipal and essential services?
3. Could the department provide a list of remote communities receiving federal funds for municipal and essential services?
4. Could the department provide a list of the municipal services that are funded in each of the remote communities?

**Answer:**

1. The Commonwealth is negotiating with Western Australia (WA), South Australia (SA), Queensland (QLD), Victoria (VIC) and Tasmania (TAS).  
While negotiations started in 2009, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, wrote to his state counterpart in WA (Minister for Local Government, the Hon Tony Simpson MLA) on 26 November 2013 to expedite the reform process. Since then Minister Scullion has made contact with relevant Ministers from other jurisdictions. Initial contact with state counterparts was by phone with some follow-up correspondence.
2. Release of the funding in the contingency reserve remains confidential at this time as the Government is still in negotiations with the States.
3. See Attachment A.
4. The range of services that are funded is broad in order to incorporate the needs of each community or region serviced. Typical services may include:
  - a. the maintenance and provision of water, electricity and sewerage services,

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- b. waste management (bin collection, hard waste removal and rubbish tip maintenance),
- c. other community support including, administration costs, animal management, parks and gardens, maintenance activities for roads, airstrips and fire prevention; and
- d. provision of powerhouse fuel.

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#### MUNS communities (by state)

<b>WA (164)</b>	Alligator Hole; Ardyaloon (One Arm Point; Bardi); Balgo (Wirrimanu); Barrell Well; Bawoorooga; Bayulu; Beagle Bay; Bedunburrah (Bidan); Bidijul; Bidyadanga (La Grange); Billard; Binduurk; Biridu; Blackstone; Bobeiding; Bow River; Brubrunjanjal (Kitty Wells); Budgarjook (Red Soil); Burrjuk (Banana Wells); Burringurrah; Carnot Springs; Chile Creek; Cockatoo; Cockatoo Springs; Cosmo Newberry; Crocodile Hole; Darlu Darlu; Djaradjung; Djarindjin; Djibbinj; Djugarargyn; Djugerari; Djulburd; Dodnun; Dolly Hole; Eight Mile; Embalgun; Four Mile; Frazier Downs; Frog Hollow; Galamunda; Galeru Gorge; Gambarnan; Ganinyi; Garimba; Garlburrang; Geeboowama; Gilaroonga; Girriyoowa; Gnylmarung; Goojar Goonjool; Goolarabooloo; Goolarrgon; Goombading; Goombaragin; Goose Hill; Guda Guda; Gullaweed; Gurrbalgun Urrmarr; Imintji; Innawonga (Bellary Springs); Jabir Jabir; Jamieson (Mantamaru); Jarlmadangah Burru; Jigalong; Jimbalakudunji; Jimbilum; Jinparinya; Julgnunn; Jundaru; Kadjina; Kalumburu; Kandiwal; Kanpa; Karalundi; Kardaloo (Wandanooka); Karnparri; Kiwirrkurra; Koorabye; Kunawarritji; Kupartiya; Kupingarri; Kurlku; Kurrawang; Kutkabubba; LaDjardarr (Disaster Bay); Larinyuwar; Lombadina; Looma; Loongabid; Maddarr; Mandangala; Marta Marta; Marunbabidi; Mercedes Cove; Milargoona; Mimbi; Mindibungu (Bililliluna); Mingalkala; Mingullatharndu (Five Mile); Molly Springs; Moongardi; Morard; Mount Margaret (AMOS); Mowanjum; Mowla Bluff; Mud Springs; Mudnunn; Mulan; Mulga Queen (Nurra Kurramunoo); Muludja; Munget; Munmural; Munthanmar; Ngalingkadji; Ngallagunda; Ngamakoon; Ngumpan; Ngurrawaana; Nillygan; Norman Creek; Norton Bore; Osmond Valley; Pandanus Park; Parnngurr (Cotton Creek); Patjarr; Pia Wadjari (Mount Barloweerie; Diandi Darlot); Punju Njamal; Punmu; RB Junction; Ringer Soak (Kundat Djaru); Rocky Springs; Rollah; Tappers Inlet; Tirralintji; Tjirrkali; Tjuntjuntjara; Tjurkurla; Violet Valley; Wakathuni; Wanamulnyundong; Wanarn; Wangkatjunka; Warakurna; Warburton; Warmun (Turkey Creek); Warralong; Weymul; Windidda; Wingellina (Irrunytju); Woolah; Woolerreeberleng; Wulgarding (Middle Lagoon); Yakanarra; Yandarina; Yandeyarra (Mugarinya); Yarri Yarri; Yiramalay; Yirralalem; Yiyili; Youngaleena; Yulga Jinna; Yulumbu;
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<b>SA (81)</b>	Amata; Aeroplane 2; Alpara; Amurina (Umerina); Angatja; Aparawalintja; Balfours Well; Betts Corner; Black Hill 3; Bullinda; Cave Hill; Centre Bore; Colebrook; Davenport; David's Well; Dinah Line; Echo Hill; Gerard; Granite Downs; Iga Warta; Indulkana (Iwantja); Ininti; Kalka; Kalkulpurranha; Kalparrin; Kaltjiti; Kanpi + Nyapari; Katjikuta; Koongawa Dundee; Koonibba; Leigh Creek Station; Mimili; Mt Serle; Mulga Bore; Munda Wanna Mar; Munda Watu Tijna; Murputja; Murunyi (Happy Valley); Myrtle Springs; New Well; Ngarutjara; Nipapanha; Nypari; Oak Valley; Oodnadatta (Dunjiba); Pipalyatjara; Point Pearce; Pukatja; Pututja; Race Course; Railway Bore; Raukkan; Rocket Bore; Sandy Bore 2; Sandy's Bore 1; Scotdesco; Shannon's Well ; Shirley Well; Tia Tuckia; Tilun Tilun; Tjatja; Tjilpil No 3 (Fred's); Tjiwuru Bore; Tjutjunpiri; Tupul; Turkey Bore; Ulaypai; Umoona; Umpakanta; Walalkara; Wallatina; Walyinynga; Warevila; Warrabillinna; Watarru; Watinuma; Wamikata; Yalata; Yappala; Yarilena; Yunyarinyi (Kenmore Park).
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<b>QLD (41)</b>	Aayka; Ambang; Aurukun; Baas Yard Outstation; Bamaga; Bentinck Island; Bullyard; Cherbourg; Emu Foot; Geiki/Birthday Mountain; Glen Garland; Hope Vale; Injino; Jumbun; Kencherang; Kilinchen; Kowanyama; Kulpa; Langi Lagoon; Love River; Mapoon; Mukiy; New Mapoon; Ochangan-Thathank; Pormpuraaw; Port Stewart (Mojeeba, Theethinji); Puntimu; Seisia; Silver Plain; South Kawi; Stoney Crossing; Thaangkunh; Tiitch; Umagico; Walngal; Wathaniin; Woorabinda; Wujal Wujal; Wutan; Yaaneng; Yarrabah
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<b>VIC (2)</b>	Framlingham ; Lake Tyers
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<b>TAS (1)</b>	Cape Barren Island
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