

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

I refer to Minister Scullion's statements in a media release on 31 July 2013, that "under a Coalition Government, our Close the Gap report will also break down data geographically to help better target our efforts."

- (a) How will this data be broken down?
- (b) What additional mechanisms are required to achieve this?
- (c) What will this cost?
- (d) Has any advice been sought to implement this new data reporting?

Answer:

Data for all of the closing the gap targets are now available by remoteness area due to improvements in data collection processes. These improved arrangements are now standard and do not require any additional mechanism or additional cost.