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Question:

Has the Department done any work on identifying gaps in services that might have resulted from the shift to a new funding program? What is the nature of that work?
Have any gaps in services been identified? If so, where and what is the nature of the gaps?

Answer:

In May 2014, prior to the opening of the IAS Grant Round, there were over 3,000 existing contracts providing funding for Indigenous activities. All providers with existing contracts at the time the round opened received notification that the round was commencing. Additionally, information regarding current funding was requested as part of the round application process. Work was also undertaken to extend contracts, where necessary, to existing providers to ensure ongoing service delivery whilst the round was underway.

Ongoing, the structure of the IAS, in conjunction with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's regional network working closely with individuals, communities and organisations ensures ongoing flexibility to address service delivery gaps as and when they arise or are identified.