

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question:**

Has the Government done any investigation of reports of increases in petty crime in remote communities?

**Answer:**

Currently available national level data does not suggest there have been marked increases in minor offending in remote communities. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Regional Network staff work closely with police on strategies specific to local communities.