

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 130

Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

How are the funds provided under the *Indigenous Justice* component of the budget —\$80.2 million, to continue the operation of night patrols, increase the capacity of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service and Aboriginal legal aid services and to continue the Welfare Rights Outreach projects, being allocated?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

For 2009-12, the Department will receive a total of \$80.248 million in continued support for Northern Territory Emergency Response related measures.

- \$67.989 million has been allocated to enable the continued operation of night patrol services.
- \$7.567 million has been allocated to enable legal assistance service providers in the Northern Territory meet increased demand for legal services from Indigenous Australians as a result of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.
- \$1.665 million has been allocated to enable the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service to continue meeting increased demand for its services and prevent delays in the administration of justice.
- \$3.027 million has been allocated to the Northern Territory Welfare Rights Outreach Project to provide legal advice and assistance in relation to social security legislation, tenancy, and income management and consumer law arising from Northern Territory Emergency Response measures.