

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(274) Output: 3.1 Whole-of-government coordination of policy development and service delivery for Indigenous Australians**

Senator Evans asked:

Are program funds now only available through SRAs, or can communities still apply for funding without an SRA?

*Answer:*

Program funds are available to communities regardless of whether an SRA is in place. Communities can apply for funding from a range of programs (Indigenous specific and mainstream) through usual funding processes. For example, programs transferred to mainstream agencies from ATSIC/ATSIIS use a common funding application process. A call for funding applications for 2006-07 was advertised in early December 2005.