

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH SURVEY

5955. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer the Minister to the Report on the Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey, carried out by the Kulunga Research Network at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. I draw the Minister's attention to Recommendation 22 of the Report, namely, 'The ongoing implementation of the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage (OID) framework should require Australian governments to identify the dollar amounts and proportions of spending dedicated to addressing each of the OID headline indicators and their respective strategic change indicators', and I ask -

Will the Minister advise the House what progress has been made in respect of this recommendation?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

The Department of Indigenous Affairs advises:

At the 14 January 2008 meeting of Commonwealth and State Treasurers it was agreed that all jurisdictions will cooperate in the development of a national framework for reporting expenditure on Indigenous services. The purpose of developing a national framework for reporting expenditure on Indigenous services is so that Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments have a greater understanding of the level and patterns of expenditure in relation to Indigenous people. This information can then be used in combination with other performance information such as the Report on Government Services and the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage Report, to determine how appropriately targeted and effective their programs are in reducing Indigenous disadvantage.