

CLOSETHEGAP- Western Sydney Update

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Summary from Evaluation Report

Government's commitment to CTG is \$4.6billion

- In July 2009, Government committed additional \$46.4 million over 4 yrs to improve the collection and reporting of data by national agencies.
- In October 2009 the Closing the Gap Clearing House was launched to provide a central source of information on what has been demonstrated to work in the closing the gap.
- 1.94billion for remote Indigenous housing, taking total investment to \$5.5 billion over 10yrs.
- \$1.57 billion for Indigenous health over four years.

Money to improve access eye and ear health care, oral care, primary health care across Australia , particularly in remote and rural areas.

WS-Services funded under Mothers and Babies Services Program:

Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney Cooperative

Sydney South West Area Health Service (Liverpool, Fairfield, Bankstown)

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation (Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly)

83 Aboriginal and Torres Islander Outreach Workers would be appointed to health clinics and organisations across Australia before the end of June 2010.

WS Services funded under this program:

Went West- 2 allocations- Harris Park

Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney Cooperative- 1 allocation – Mt Druitt, Sydney

Nepean Division of General Practice- 1 allocation – Penrith

Hawkesbury- Hills Division of General Practice- 1 allocation – Rouse Hill

14 projects have been funded under Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative and one of them is Mission Australia (\$331,298) the proposal covers the urban area of Sydney and Parramatta.

- \$564.4 million for early childhood development over six years.

Indigenous Child and Family Services, 2 in Blacktown LGA, 1 in Campbelltown

- \$228.9million for Indigenous economic development over five years.
- Aprox 900 Indigenous men and women expected to participate in the Indigenous Leadership Program
- 165 RAPs are in place across Australia (workforce)
- Indigenous economic development strategy is in place. The Australian Government is investing \$172.7 million over five years and the States and Territories are providing \$56.2 million to help up to 13,000 Indigenous Australians find and keep a job, strengthen government procurement policies to maximise Indigenous employment and expand Indigenous employment opportunities in the public sector. Around 2,000 jobs in government service delivery, previously subsidised by the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program, will be fully funded.
- To strength the Australia's Indigenous visual art industry Government will invest \$9.9 million over four years to deliver increased funding for Indigenous art centres and to support the implementation of an Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct.
- Resetting the Relationship with Indigenous Australians

Reconciliation Australia – continuation

\$10.8 million over three years to secure the sustainability of Reconciliation Australia operations, which will allow Reconciliation Australia to continue education and awareness programs to build the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Healing Foundation

\$26.6 million over four years to deliver grants for initiatives to help Indigenous Australians address the impacts of trauma and grief.

Addressing the Recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report

\$13.8 million over three years to expand Link-Up Services for members of the Stolen Generations, their descendants, families and Indigenous communities affected by past government removal policies and practices. This will provide approximately 140 Return to Country or Institutional Reunions, and improve the preservation of and access to records for family tracing and reunions.

Indigenous Electoral Participation Program

\$13.0 million over four years to improve electoral knowledge and encourage Indigenous people to participate in the electoral system.

The information has been gathered from various online sources however a big part of it was extracted from Prime Minister's report.

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/general/Documents/ClosingtheGap2010/closingthe-gap2010.pdf>