Question on Notice

No. 1521

Asked on 28 November 2023

MS A LEAHY asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the review of the operational funding arrangements for Indigenous Councils provided through the SGFA, the RRP and the IEDG—

Will the Deputy Premier advise of new methodology used to determine the funding allocations through the Indigenous Councils Funding Program (ICFP) to Indigenous Councils?

ANSWER [MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)]:

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

The Indigenous Councils Funding Program (ICFP) allocation methodology is based on the main factors that impact the service delivery costs in Indigenous local government areas, population, remoteness and dispersion, and the potential of each council to raise revenue to offset the cost-of-service delivery. The methodology also includes recognition that there are base costs to operate a council, regardless of individual council size.