

# Indigenous Councils Funding Program – Questions and Answers

## Why was a review undertaken?

It had been several years since the operational funding support needs of Indigenous councils had been considered.

The review was undertaken to ensure operational funding provided to Indigenous councils is delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible, using a fit-for-purpose funding methodology.

The review identified that a contemporary new allocation approach to better address council funding need was required.

## How have allocations been determined?

The allocation methodology identifies the operational funding need of each Indigenous Council.

The new methodology considers 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.

It provides a transparent and equitable basis for the allocation of operational funding support to Indigenous councils.

## When will allocations be paid?

Allocations are expected to be paid to councils in the first quarter of the 2023-24 financial year.

## Is there grant expenditure reporting requirements and acquittal requirements?

The funding provided is untied and does not have reporting or acquittal requirements. This reduces the administration processes and costs for Indigenous councils.