



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Finance and Public Administration Legislation (Senate) report:  
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Remote Engagement  
Program) Bill 2021

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## OVERVIEW

On 2 September 2021, the Senate referred the provisions of the *Social Security Legislation Amendment (Remote Engagement Program) Bill 2021* to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2021.

## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The Government notes the recommendations. Given the passage of time since this report was tabled, the Government provides the following update:

On 1 November 2025, the Labor Government delivered on its commitment to replace the Community Development Program with the new Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES).

The Remote Jobs and Economic Development program (RJED) is underway, creating 6,000 jobs in remote communities across Australia.