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Topic: Arrulka Business Corporation

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Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide details regarding the nature of the Arrulka Business Corporation's application to the ABA to organise the Mbantua festival in Alice Springs? Could you also provide any information that was considered by the ABA Advisory Committee (ABAAC) in relation to this application?

Answer:

In October 2010 Arrulka Business Corporation applied to the Aboriginals Benefit Account for \$2.15 million for operational costs associated with the development, planning, resourcing and production of an Aboriginal Cultural festival to be held in Alice Springs in 2013. The application sought Aboriginals Benefit Account funding of \$1.15 million for planning and organising of the festival and costs of \$1 million to be expended during the event in 2013.

The overall budget for this festival was proposed at \$5.521 million with additional contributions comprised of unconfirmed grants, cash and in-kind contributions totalling \$3.370 million.

Arrulka Business Corporation resubmitted their application in April 2011 with a reduced total budget of \$2.175 million. In this application Arrulka Business Corporation confirmed other contributions of \$25,000 in addition to the request of \$2.15 million from the Aboriginals Benefit Account.