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Senator: Senator Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: The determination to give this \$1,091,000 to the corporation would not have gone through you. It would have gone through the department. I should address this to the minister. Is that correct, minister?

Senator Scullion: I would have to take that on notice.

Ms Carroll: I was just going to add that there are acquittal processes. The particular grant, I understand, has not been fully acquitted yet. But we could take on notice the details of what those acquittal processes are.

CHAIR: Thank you. I would appreciate that.

Answer:

Arrulka Business Aboriginal Corporation received funding under the Aboriginals Benefit Account through a Standard Funding Agreement. Under the agreement, the organisation must confirm, by October 2014, that it has used the funds for purposes intended. Acquittal requires that the use of funds be signed off by an officer of the organisation with appropriate authority. The terms and conditions of the Standard Funding Agreement outline the acquittal process and can be viewed at: http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous_affairs/grants/grant_funding_ABA.cfm