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National Indigenous Australians Agency

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Ms Ann Palmer  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee  
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Dear Ms Palmer

I wish to advise of the following corrections to the record in relation to evidence provided at the Senate Estimates hearing of Friday 25 October 2019 regarding the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

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**Ms Collard:** From 1 March to 11 April there have been 240 funding decisions—since 1 July there have been ~~200~~ **267** funding decisions, with a total of ~~\$567~~ **135** million made; however, of those funding decisions, probably only ~~40~~ **10** per cent would have been actually progressed during in that time.

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**Ms Collard:** Okay, I'll repeat that. From 1 March to caretaker we made a decision on 240 activities, with a total value of ~~\$567~~ **570** million; however, because caretaker was on 11 April, the checks and balances, out of that 240 activities, only about a quarter have been progressed, with the rest that we have to continually progress.

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**Mr Griggs:** There are about ~~3,800~~ **2,500** in total across the entire IAS.

**Senator McCARTHY:** Grants?

**Mr Griggs:** Around that, yes.

**Senator McCARTHY:** Just going back, in response to your answer, Dr Hartmann—

**Mr Griggs:** Sorry; there are ~~3,800~~ **2,500** individual grants, not 3,800 2,500 programs. There are multiple grants within programs. I don't want you to—

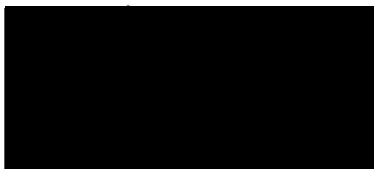
**Senator McCARTHY:** I must have hearing problems. Can you just repeat that?

**Mr Griggs:** There are around ~~3,800~~ **2,500** individual grants, but there are not 3,800 2,500 programs, because obviously there are multiple grants within programs.

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In addition to the above, I also attach correspondence from Ms Marion Scrymgour,  
Chief Executive Officer, Northern Land Council seeking to correct evidence Ms Scrymgour gave during  
the hearing.

Yours sincerely



**RAY GRIGGS**

Chief Executive Officer

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