

Question on notice no. 26

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2024-25 Additional estimates

Finance and Public Administration Committee, Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters

Senator David Pocock: asked the Anindilyakwa Land Council on 28 February 2025

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Answer —

See attached.

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Answer: -

The total amount of Aboriginal Land Rights Act NT (ALRA) section 64(3) funds distributed by the ALC to Aboriginal Corporations during the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 (year to date 28 February) is \$204,746,548.

The proportion of ALRA section 64(3) funds distributed to Anindilyakwa Advancement Aboriginal Corporation (AAAC) to directly support the Winchelsea mining project is 9.4% (\$19,340,830). Some of these funds were provided by AAAC to Winchelsea Mining Company in the form of a loan (refer to Senator David Pocock Question on Notice QRN NIAA222 dated July 2024 for details).

The proportion of ALRA section 64(3) funds distributed to Groote Holdings Aboriginal Corporation (GHAC) providing broad benefits including benefiting the Winchelsea mining project is 19.5% (\$39,944,504). The funded projects included jetty and ramp capital, Little Paradise base camp, 4G base station, Pole 7A visitor's village 15 rooms, Pole 7A kitchen, renewable energy and solar farm, Little Paradise Section 19 lease payments, marine services- capital (Centaur II), GHAC land equipment and civil fleet.

The ALC has not provided funds directly to Winchelsea Mining Company.