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Senator Scullion asked:

In relation to the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, could you provide a time line of when the board first considered it, the nature of the consideration and minutes to reflect that, when the consultancy or whatever advice you got from outside was commissioned and the reasons for that commissioning, the timing and some costs, and what the final decision was?

Answer:

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park (Tjapukai) is an iconic cultural centre which showcases the Tjapukai culture and provides employment and education opportunities for many local Aboriginal people. IBA has been a long-standing investor in Tjapukai, with a commitment to ensuring its sustainability.

Since June 2010, IBA has been considering the redevelopment and revitalisation of Tjapukai such that it can continue to deliver strong cultural, education and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people in the Cairns area.

In September 2010, the IBA Board considered and endorsed a paper recommending:

- the appointment of external consultants to provide advice on possible design concepts and a business model for the redevelopment of Tjapukai at a cost of up to \$200,000; and
- \$500,000 in working capital to enable Tjapukai to continue trading for a further six months.

In January 2011, the IBA Board approved funding of \$50,000 to engage three architectural / design firms to submit design concepts. The IBA Board considered the progress of the development of design concepts in February and March 2011. In May 2011, the IBA Board received an update on the redevelopment planning, in response to which the Board requested a business plan and details of anticipated funding requirements.

In July 2011, the IBA Board considered and approved a formal request for \$12 million in capital for the redevelopment and \$2 million in working capital to support the business leading up to and during the redevelopment works.

In December 2011, the IBA board considered for noting a paper providing further information pertaining to market conditions in Far North Queensland and potential future funding requirements.