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Senator Scullion asked:

Could you provide the committee the names of those organisations under the CATSI Act that are currently distributing royalties and indicate who is providing oversight to these corporations.

Answer:

Royalty associations which have received ALRA subsection 64(3) payments within recent financial years (2008-09 to 2011-12) are:

Northern Land Council region

- Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation
- Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation
- Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (formerly Laynhapuy Homelands Association Incorporated)
- Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation

Central Land Council region

- Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation
- Granites Mines Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation

Anindilyakwa Land Council region

- Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation

There were no subsection 64(3) payments to royalty associations in the Tiwi Land Council region for the period 2008-09 to 2011-12.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations is an independent statutory office holder and administers the CATSI Act. The Registrar's office supports and regulates the corporations, including royalty associations that are incorporated under the CATSI Act.

The Registrar conducts regular examinations of the finances and governance of royalty associations under section 453-1 of the CATSI Act.

Subsection 35C(2) of the ALRA provides that a royalty association must provide the land council with annual financial statements and a written report showing: the purpose for which any subsection 35(2) amounts was spent; each recipient of that amount; and the amount paid to each recipient and the date(s) the amount was paid.