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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

With regard to the \$1m grant Waverley Council received under the Department of the Environment's Protecting National Historic Sites program for the design phase of the Bondi Pavilion upgrade. What would the Minister do if it was found that the grant was awarded on the basis of fraudulent claims?

Answer:

The Minister would normally refer all allegations of fraud to the Department for investigation. If such an investigation concluded that funds were potentially obtained by fraudulent means, the Department would refer the matter to an appropriate authority for potential criminal prosecution, and take action under the Funding Agreement to recover funds.