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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: Ms Edwards, what happened on 24 December? You did not invite them to apply. I just want some clarification of that.

Mr Matthews: I do not know. I assume contact would have been probably through our network staff. We would need to get the exact details, but I assume there probably would have been contact with Bloodwood. They may have contacted the department. It may have been through staff going out on the ground talking to them that there was a problem. They probably would have known about the IAS round or they would have been informed about the IAS process and then there would have been some contact. They probably would have provided some further information about how to go through the demand process.

**Answer:**

On 24 December 2014, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet first attempted to contact Bloodwood Tree by phone. When direct phone contact could not be made, the Department advised Bloodwood Tree, via email, on how it could apply for Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding outside the grant round. The email outlined the application and decision making process. Following the email being sent, the Department successfully contacted Bloodwood Tree by phone to discuss the details of the email.