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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: It has been published in the media that there are 75 of those organisations that have had to be assisted in this way. Is that number correct?

Mr Eccles: I do not know that number.

Ms Carroll: We are double checking if there have been any more that have come to light since that particular announcement. We just do not have that with us at the moment.

Ms Black: It would depend on what they are currently contracted for as well. It could have been a one-off activity that naturally ceased so they would not have anticipated reapplying as well. We will take that on notice and come back to you on that.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has identified 1344 organisations which currently receive funding from PM&C that did not apply for funding in the 2014 Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) open grant round. Of these, around 86 per cent were not expected to apply, for a range of reasons including that their existing funding was for a one-off project, or their funding extended into the out years.

The remaining 14 per cent (188) did not apply in the open grant round.

At the time of the Minister's press release in November 2014, the Department had only identified 75 organisations which fell into this last category however, subsequent data matching has resulted in these revised figures.