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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: What were the figures for 2015, 2106, and 2017? If you do not have those there, I am happy for you to take it on notice.

Ms McIntyre: I do not have them, but they are of a similar magnitude. I can take them on notice.

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Senator LUDWIG: As a percentage—could you take on notice the total percentage of the indexation, or is that available?

Ms McIntyre: I will take it on notice because I do not have it off the top of my head and I do not have it in my notes.

Answer:

The Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) commenced in the 2014-15 Budget with funding of over \$4.8 billion over four years. There has been no reduction in the IAS since its commencement and funding is now \$4.9 billion over four years.

Currently, the IAS appropriation is not indexed. Indexation was due to commence in 2018-19, however the 2015 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook announced a continuation of the current arrangements for a further year and indexation will now commence in 2019-20. The 2018-19 indexation pause equates to \$17.8 million or approximately 1% of the total IAS funding (\$1.2 billion) allocated for that year.