

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Department/Agency:** Aboriginal Hostels Limited

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Community Operated Hostels

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

1. According to the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, funding for the Corporate and Community Partnerships Programme (CCPP) under Programme 1.2: Community Operated Hostels is expected to reduce by more than \$2 million in 2014-15 as a result of portfolio programme consolidation.
  - a. Can the department explain this reduction?
  - b. Why has this funding been reduced?
  - c. What is the effect of portfolio programme consolidation on the CCPP?
  - d. What is the purpose of the CCPP?
  - e. Could the department provide a list of grant recipients under the CCPP for 2012-13 and 2014-15?
2. The 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, Programme 1.2: Community Operated Hostels, shows a reduction in the number of available beds from 741 in 2013-14 to 395 in 2014-15. Could the department explain this reduction?

**Answer**

- 1(a) The allocation to this programme has been reduced in the 2014-15 budget as part of AHL's ongoing organisational reform. From 2014-15 residential substance use services will no longer be funded through the CCPP.
- (b) AHL has reprioritised its budget to achieve financial sustainability. The reduction in the CCPP is part of a phased discontinuation of the programme. Direct service delivery has been prioritised while at the same time residential substance use services are being aligned with broader portfolio programme

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consolidation. These reforms are designed to increase efficiency and provide flexibility for community based organisations during a year of transition.

- (c) It is inconsistent for the CCPP to operate as a stand-alone minor grants program in isolation to the aims and objectives of the broader consolidation of Indigenous programs.

AHL is working with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC) to put in place an arrangement where residential substance use services will have flexibility within their funding from PMC to support the provision of accommodation. This approach is consistent with the Indigenous Advancement Strategy announced by the Government in the Budget on 13 May 2014.

- (d) The CCPP supplements a limited number of community based organisations to assist in the provision of the accommodation component of their residential programmes.
- (e) See Attachment A.

- 2 The reduction in available bed numbers is equivalent to the numbers of beds available through the residential substance use services funded in the previous financial year (2013-14).

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**2012-13 CCPP Recipients**

Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Corporation
Ngnonwar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation
Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation Inc
Christian Aboriginal Parents Direct Schools Inc
Bloodwood Tree Association
Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre Inc
Christian Aboriginal Parents Direct Schools Inc
Clontarf Aboriginal College Ltd
Wunan Foundation Inc
Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services Inc
Foundation of Rehab with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties
Ferdy's Haven Alcohol & Drug Rehab Aboriginal Corporation
Congress Community Development & Education Unit Ltd
Aboriginal Substance Misuse Corporation
Mookai Rosie Bi-Bayan Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corp
Born Free Club Ltd
Murrie Watch Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation
One People of Australia League Ltd (OPAL)
Milbi Inc
QLD Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corp for Alcohol & Drug Dependence Service (Q.A.I.A.S)
Murrumba Aboriginal Housing Company
Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation
Roy Thorne Substance Misuse Rehab Centre Inc
Benelong's Haven Ltd
Centrecare Ballina
Ngaimpe Aboriginal Corporation
Black Creek Aboriginal Corp
Namatjira Ltd
Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Co-op Ltd
Worawa Aboriginal College
Aboriginal Advancement League
Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Program Unit

**2014-15 CCPP Recipients**

Funding allocations at the organisation level have yet to be made.