

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: And all of them were "not recommended" and changed into "recommend"?

Ms Black: That is my recollection.

Senator McLUCAS: There were none that were recommended by the department, and the minister said, "I am not approving that one"?

Ms Black: We will double check, but not to my recollection.

Senator McLUCAS: Minister, you have to write to the Minister for Finance—and, thank you, that is explained in that answer. Can you tell the committee, though, which of the recommendations from the department you did not agree with?

Senator Scullion: I think there were eight but, in the interests of clarity, I am more than happy to take that on notice. We have not actually sent the letter off for those. I understand it is fairly soon. We need to complete the process and when the process is completed that is when the reporting process happens to the minister. I do not think there are any real issues around that. We can provide that to you on notice. I am sure the Minister for Finance will not get his nose out of joint if you heard before he did.

Senator McLUCAS: My understanding is you do not have to write to the minister until 31 March next year.

Senator Scullion: If you would like to have it now that will be fine.

Senator McLUCAS: You could tell the committee as well.

Senator Scullion: We will take that on notice and provide those.

Answer:

All recommendations to fund an organisation by the Department were accepted by the Minister.

The eight organisations which the Department did not recommend to fund and the Minister decided to fund are:

1. Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
2. Five Bridges Ltd
3. Framlingham Aboriginal Trust
4. Garl Garl Walbu Aboriginal Corporation
5. Nyoongar Patrol System Incorporated
6. Milingimbi & Outstations Progress Resource Assn Inc
7. Urapuntja Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
8. Warra-Li Resource Unit Incorporated

In addition, the Minister decided to increase the funding duration for preschool projects recommended by the Department to 2.5 years.