

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

**Senator McLUCAS:** Thank you. Tell me if I have gone over this already. How many projects were recommended by the department for the initial announcement—that is, prior to the \$860 million allocation? And what was the total value of the department's recommended projects?

**Ms Croft:** Are you after the original amounts in that decision?

**Senator McLUCAS:** No.

**Ms Croft:** What went to the minister?

**Senator McLUCAS:** Yes.

**Ms Black:** I do not have that with me. As we said at last estimates, the minister overturned a small number of the department's recommendations. I think we responded to the question on notice that it was in the order of eight. There was not much difference between what the department recommended and what was signed off, but I do not have those figures with me.

**Senator McLUCAS:** If you could provide that on notice that would be good

**Answer:**

The Department initially recommended 1288 projects for 956 organisations totalling \$845 million. The Minister approved the Department's recommendations to fund organisations and included 8 decisions to approve funding above those recommended by the Department. The 8 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 increased the funding duration for preschool projects recommended by the Department to 2.5 years. This resulted in 1,297 projects being approved for 964 organisations totalling \$860 million.