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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Has Bloodwood Tree Association received or been offered funding from the Government for the Bunara Maya Hostel?

If so:

- a. Who made this funding offer?
- b. On what date was the initial offer?
- c. What process was undertaken to produce this funding offer?
- d. Did the department recommend this funding application to the Minister?
- e. How much funding was offered and for what period of time?
- f. Is this funding part of the IAS grant funding pool?
- g. For what reason was this funding granted?

A department official told the committee during Budget Estimates that the services provided by Bunara Maya Hostel “is not one of the core funding priorities. It has been unsuccessful at this point. We are not expecting to change that decision” (p.31 of the transcript). Why then, has this decision been changed?

Answer:

The Bunara Maya facility Bloodwood Tree Association (BTA) was first supported for interim funding in February 2015 for the period 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015. Further, in June 2015 BTA has been supported for additional transition funding for the period 1 July to 31 December 2015.

The Department formally made these funding offers to BTA on 26 February 2015 and 22 June 2015. The offers were made in response to requests for funding assistance BTA made to the Australian Government.

\$104,558 (GST exclusive) was provided for the period 1 January to 30 June 2015 and \$104,558 (GST exclusive) for the period 1 July to 31 December 2015.

All funding was from the Safety and Wellbeing Programme (2.3) under the IAS.

Additional transition funding for six months until 31 December 2015 has been provided in response to further requests from the organisation to assist it to consider longer term arrangements.