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Question:

Were all non-SUR hostels previously funded by Aboriginal Hostels Limited considered in the gap fill analysis, or only those that applied under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)?

- a. What is happening with those hostels which did not apply under the IAS?
- b. What happens to the clients of hostels which no longer receive funding from AHL or the Government? Are there any transition plans in place?

Answer:

In December 2014 and early January 2015 the Department contacted the 13 operational non-substance abuse hostels that previously received funding through Aboriginal Hostels Limited's (AHL) Corporate and Community Partnership Program (CCPP) to advise that they could apply for interim Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding. All of the 13 operational non-substance abuse hotels were offered interim funding from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2105.

The interim funding was provided to allow time for the organisations to make other arrangements and to consider the outcome of the IAS grants round. Three of the organisations were successful in their IAS funding round applications for ongoing funding for the hostels.

Transition arrangements from AHL's CCPP have been managed by AHL. The Department is working with AHL and the remainder of the organisations as they make the transition to new arrangements. In three cases this has included provision of further transitional funding.