Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation CommitteeANSWERS TO OUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Working on Country

Senator: Senator Rachel Siewert **Question reference number:** 153

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Question:

- 1. How many Working on Country Programmes are terminating in 2016?
- 2. Will there be adequate funding available to renew these projects?
- 3. If not how many could be refunded and what is the transition plan for those that aren't refunded?
- 4. How much funding from IAS will be available for these types programs in this current grant round and in the future?

Answer:

- 1. Four Working on Country projects are terminating on 30 June 2016. These projects were funded through the former Expansion of Working on Country in the Northern Territory programme.
- 2. Yes.
- 3. Not applicable.
- 4. Around \$2.3 billion is available under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy over 4 years to fund all new projects or extensions to existing projects, such as the Expansion of Working on Country in the Northern Territory programme.