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Senator: Senator Rachel Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: And how they handled? What is the process for handling them?

Ms Croft: The process for handling those is similar to the process for the grant round in terms of approval processes. It is consistent.

Senator SIEWERT: How much money is being kept aside for that process?

Ms Croft: I do not have that figure with me.

Ms Carroll: We would have to take that on notice. Effectively, we have looked at what available funds there are, then we will have a look at what grant applications come in and also be cognisant that over time there will be demand driven requirements. As Ms Croft said, primarily they are in the employment part of the program.

Senator Scullion: They are principally the IEP, the Indigenous Employment Program.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice what proportion of funding has been set aside for that process. I do have more questions against individual programs, so I will ask those then.

Answer:

The total Indigenous Advancement Strategy appropriation over 4 years is \$4.8 billion. Of this total, 17.5 per cent has been set aside for demand-driven activities and urgent and emerging priorities.