

**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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**Topic:** IAS

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

How many organisations have rejected a funding offer under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to date?

- a. What was the reason for each of the rejections?
- b. In each case of rejection of a funding offer, has the funding been offered to another organisation to fill the service gap? If not, why not?
- c. What process was used to offer funding to an alternate organisation?

**Answer:**

As at 31 October 2015, 15 organisations (2%) have declined funding offered under the 2014 Grant Round (refer Table 1).

The reasons organisations declined funding included:

- Funding was obtained through an alternate source, such as the Aboriginals Benefits Account.
- The funding approved was subsequently considered insufficient to deliver the proposed activity.
- The organisation was unable to commit to delivery of project outcomes within the contracted timeframe.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has determined whether the declining of funding constituted a service gap. Any identified gaps in frontline service delivery have been addressed through the gap filling exercise as part of the 2014 IAS grant funding round or one of the methods outlined under the IAS Guidelines.