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Question:

The source of funding for grants listed under “Indigenous Affairs Grant Reporting (excluding all IAS grants)” is not included in the reporting of the grant – for example, ABA grants are not made clear. Why is this?

Answer:

The “Indigenous Affairs Grant Reporting (excluding all IAS grants)” link on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s grant reporting website contains information about individual grants awarded outside the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS): for example, legacy grants that were awarded prior to the commencement of the IAS on 1 July 2014 and Aboriginals Benefit Account grants.

The information published about each individual grant includes the source of the funding including the Programme and Programme Component. In relation to Aboriginals Benefit Account grants, each individual grant published on the website lists the Programme Component as “Aboriginals Benefit Account (Special Account)”.

The search function on the website allows users to search for Aboriginals Benefit Account grants using a drop down selection function. Alternatively, the grants information can be exported to an Excel spreadsheet for further analysis.