

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

MacDonnell Regional Council was funded under the IAS competitive round for a School Nutrition Program run in five communities in the NT - Aeryonga, Aputula (Finke), Haast Bluff (Ikuntji), Imanpa and Titjikala.

- a. Why was funding provided for 6 months?
- b. Has this funding been renewed since it was first awarded? If so, by what process was it renewed and for what period?

**Answer:**

- a. The MacDonnell Regional Council would only accept a six-month funding agreement for the five school nutrition projects. This was to provide service continuity while the Council determined whether it wanted to continue delivery in the longer term.
- b. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is in negotiations with MacDonnell Regional Council about the ongoing delivery of the school nutrition projects in the five communities beyond 31 December 2015.