

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 19-23 October 2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous  
**Topic:** IAS

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

At the previous Estimates hearing, the Minister indicated that he would be very soon writing to the Minister for Finance regarding eight funding decisions, in compliance with Commonwealth Grant Guidelines. Has this been done? If so, is the letter available for the Committee?

**Answer:**

Yes, please see letter at [Attachment A](#).



MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

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Reference: B15/1369

Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to you in reference to annual reporting requirements for all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries as outlined in Section 4.13(a) of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (July 2014):

*Ministers (including Senators) must report annually to the Finance Minister on all instances where they have decided to approve a particular grant which the relevant official has recommended be rejected. The report must include a brief statement of reasons (i.e. the basis of the approval for each grant). The report must be provided to the Finance Minister by 31 March each year for the preceding calendar year.*

I wish to advise that in relation to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy 2014 Open Competitive Funding Round there were eight instances where I approved grants which the Department recommended be rejected.

In addition to this, I also recommended pre-school projects receive funding for 2.5 years which constituted an increase to the duration recommended by the Department for these projects. In total this applied to 67 organisations. A summary table outlining the details of the eight decisions is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

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30/6/2015

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<b>CRMS programme title</b>	<b>Sub-programme</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Grant recipient</b>	<b>Total grant value</b>	<b>Grant funding location</b>	<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Brief statement of reasons for decision</b>
Outcome 2—Indigenous	2.1—Jobs, Land and Economy	Ranger Programs	Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,380,000	Far North Queensland	4870	The services provided by the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation are consistent with the Commonwealth's objectives of increasing the social, economic and environmental benefits from land management in regional and remote areas of Australia. This activity is carried out in a cost effective manner.
Outcome 2—Indigenous	2.3—Safety and Wellbeing	Prisoner Release Support	Five Bridges Ltd	\$663,339	South Queensland	4305	Five Bridges organisation has a history of providing value for money support in South Queensland consistent with the Commonwealth's objective of ensuring emotional and social wellbeing support for Indigenous Australians.
Outcome 2—Indigenous	2.1—Jobs, Land and Economy	Environmental and Cultural Land Management	Framingham Aboriginal Trust	\$34,155	Purnim, Victoria	3278	The Framingham Aboriginal Trust provides ongoing environmental and cultural land management support in Victoria which aligns with the Commonwealth's Indigenous priorities.
Outcome 2—Indigenous	2.3—Safety and Wellbeing	Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program	Garl Gurl Walba Alcohol Association Aboriginal Corporation	\$888,108	Kimberley, W.A.	6728	Increasing social and emotional wellbeing within Indigenous communities is a Commonwealth priority—the Garl Gurl Walba Alcohol Associated Aboriginal Corporation will develop and implement an Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program where young people with strong family and peer connections are trained as Community Peer Education Workers to inform other young people (same age group) about alcohol and other drug misuse issues and the possible reasons behind this across the Kimberley region in a cost effective manner.
Outcome 2—Indigenous	2.3—Safety and Wellbeing	Night Patrol Support and Services	Nyongar Patrol System	\$391,441	Greater Western Australia	6004	The Nyongar Patrol System operating in the Greater Western Australia region continues to provide night patrol services and support activities which align with the Commonwealth's priorities.

Outcome 2— Indigenous	2.2—Children and Schooling	Crocodile Rangers Program	The Milingimbi and Outstations Progress Resource Associations	\$800,000	Milingimbi and Crocodile islands	0822	Improving educational outcomes and supporting families in regional and remote locations is a key Commonwealth priority—the Milingimbi and Outstations Progress Resource Association's continued work in this area is required.
Outcome 2— Indigenous	2.3—Safety and Wellbeing	Urapuntja - Utopia Homelands, We Ilbcing for our Mob	Urapantja Health Services Aboriginal Corporation	\$800,000	Central Australia	0872	Providing support for new organisations in Central Australia to increase the social and emotional wellbeing in communities is needed. The Urapantja Health Services Aboriginal Corporation will work towards increasing these levels through the Wellbeing for our Mob project.
Outcome 2— Indigenous	2.4—Culture and Capability	Warra-li programme— Cultural Support	Warra-li Resources Unit Inc	\$250,000	Eastern NSW	2340	Supporting the maintenance of Indigenous culture and capability is a Commonwealth priority and ensuring the continued supported within Eastern NSW through a cost effective project is needed. The Warra-li Resource Unit will continue to progress this priority.