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Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 27 and 28 May 2015:

Senator BILYK: Just on that same topic, are farmers able to apply for that funding?

Ms Quinn: Yes.

Senator BILYK: It is not just industry bodies?

Ms Quinn: For native title officers, it is industry bodies. But for respondent funding, a party to a native title claim, someone who wants to be a respondent—

Senator BILYK: Is that out of that \$5.8 million?

Ms Quinn: Yes.

Senator BILYK: Are test cases still happening?

Ms Quinn: In the native title space? Generally, test—

Senator BILYK: On native title.

Ms Quinn: I am not sure. I would probably have to take that on notice.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Test cases in relation to native title matters still arise from time to time.

Respondents to native title test cases may be eligible for legal financial assistance under the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme.