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Senator Pratt asked:

Senator PRATT: Can I ask for an update on the progress of the community consultations for the listing of Cape York as a world heritage area?

Mr Routh: There are a number of projects that were previously funded that are still ongoing, which we are hoping will come to a conclusion this financial year. There was some funding provided to traditional owner groups.

Senator PRATT: That is right. Can you give me an update on that.

Mr Routh: I could take on notice the exact details of where, the funding amounts and where those are up to.

Answer:

The attached table provides details of the current status of the Indigenous Cape York world heritage consultation projects funded by the Australian Government.

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Traditional Owner world heritage consultation projects

Group	Funding Agreement value \$ (GST exclusive)	Area of Consultation	Status
Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation	850,000	Shelburne Bay, Kutini-Payamu National Park, Kaanju Ngaachi Wenlock & Pascoe Rivers Indigenous Protected Area, Piccaninny Plains Sanctuary, Orchid Creek, Blue Mountains (Geikie) pastoral lease, KULLA National Park, Oyala Thumotang National Park and Merapah pastoral lease. Even though not part of the funding agreement, Mungkuma Land Trust for the Uutaingau and Umpila Traditional Owners have also been consulted.	The Department is working with the grant recipient to determine whether project performance issues can be resolved.
Olkola Aboriginal Corporation	21,598	Strathmay, Crosbie, Glengarland, Dixie, Wulpan and Killarney pastoral leases, and Alwal CYPAL National Park.	Project completed and acquitted.
Wik Projects Limited	234,025	Wetland areas around Aurukun including the Love and Archer Rivers and Kencherang.	Project completed and acquitted.
Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation	300,000	Kaanju Ngaachi Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) (Kaanju Ngaachi Wenlock & Pascoe Rivers IPA) and lands in the greater Lockhart Region, including Mungkuma Land Trust Freehold lands.	Project on track and due for completion before 30 June 2014.

Group	Funding Agreement value \$ (GST exclusive)	Area of Consultation	Status
Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	359,216	Aurukun area	The organisation has requested an extension to the project end date. The Department is working with the grant recipient to address issues so that it can be finalised before 30 June 2014.
South Cape York Catchments Inc.	29,084	Welcome Station Pastoral Lease, Crocodile Station Pastoral Lease, Jowalbinna Pastoral Lease, Olivevale Station Pastoral Lease, Deighton River Station Occupation lease, Agayrra Timara Land trust, Mountain View Freehold, part of Lakefield National Park, Split Rock Festival Reserve.	Project on track and due for completion before 30 June 2014.
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	131,358	Mapoon Shire Deed of Grant In Trust (DOGIT) area	Project on track and due for completion before 30 June 2014.
Kuuku Ya'u Aboriginal Corporation	71,137	Kuuku Ya'u Nation area which includes land and waters between Lockhart River and Olive River - Lockhart DOGIT, Lockhart Esplanade, Cook Esplanade, Aboriginal freehold, part of Mungkuma Land Trust, Kutini-Payamu National Park, some freehold and parts of State Environmental Reserve.	Project behind schedule. The Department is working with the grant recipient to address issues so that it can be finalised before 30 June 2014.
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	86,297	Pormpuraaw Deed of Grant In Trust (DOGIT) area	Project in final stages of reporting. On track for completion before 30 June 2014.