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Re: Inquiry into Funding matter under the Diary Regional
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Please find attached the response to the question on notice F & PA109 – O'Brien.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards



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Inquiry into a funding matter under the Dairy Regional Assistance Program

**Questions on notice to Mordek from public hearing on
8 May 2003**

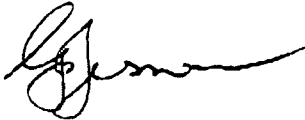
F&PA109 – O'Brien

Who told you the [Dairy RAP] application had been approved?

In relation to the above question on notice I am unclear as to the date this occurred. It probably was Dallas Burnes, an officer of DOTARS, who advised me in a phone conversation sometime in late December 2001 or early January 2002.

However, I do not have a written note of any conversation around this time. He may have only indicated it was recommended for approval. I am sorry but I am not sure. Annette Nader who I contacted concerning this matter could not provide any further help or written evidence to assist.

We were definitely aware towards the end of January that it had been approved as John Nader had been contacted and the Federal Member Gary Nairn announced it officially on 5 February when he made a symbolic presentation to the Nader's of a cheque for \$339,900.



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