

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Funding of HOIL Support Services

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Senator Payne asked:

Are there any controls to ensure that IBA is not forced to fund support services for HOIL clients that are potentially overpriced? Is there a list of approved suppliers?

Answer:

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) approves suppliers of support services for Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) clients. Prior to approval, IBA ensures that the rates are reasonable and the service will represent value for money, while also taking into account the need for clients to obtain high quality and independent advice.

IBA maintains a list of approved suppliers that HOIL clients can access, however clients also have the option of selecting their own service provider that meets their individual circumstances. IBA conducts an assessment of all providers to ensure they are suitable.