

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross - IBA

**Question No:** 289

**Topic:** IBA – Business Development and Assistance - Loans program

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

Is there unutilised capital sitting in your business loans program, and if not, where are you getting the money from for this program? Can you break down the information?

**Answer:**

IBA receives an annual \$13.7 million appropriation for lending purposes under the Business Development and Assistance Program. This appropriation has been constant in recent years.

During the 2009-10 financial year, IBA approved \$13.6 million in business loans from that year's appropriation. Due to the usual period between approval and loan drawdown, there was a residual \$2.5 million that is expected to be released to the borrowers during 2010-11.