

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous  
**Topic:** Cape York Partnership

**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

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**Question:**

1. Has the Government decided to extend grant funding to Cape York Partnership for the Cape York Welfare Reform project?
  - (a) If so, for how long and for how much and for what purposes exactly?
  - (b) If not, when will a decision be made?
  - (c) When do the current grants for Cape York Welfare Reform expire?
2. What new grants have been made to Cape York Partnership or any of its entities, including Cape York Institute since the start of the 2016/17 financial year and for what purpose?
3. Can it be confirmed that a grant was provided to Cape York Institute for further research on its proposals for Constitutional Recognition?
4. If it is the case, for how much is the grant and for what purpose?
5. Will Cape York Institute be required to provide a public report on the outcomes of its research?
6. Did the Referendum Council support any grant?
7. Have grants been made to any other body this financial year for work on models to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution.
8. What other grants, apart from Cape York Welfare Reform, are provided to Cape York Partnership and when were they made and for what purpose?

**Answer:**

1. Funding for Cape York Partnership to support Cape York Welfare Reform projects has been approved by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion for up to \$3.3 million for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017. This funding supports the following projects:
  - Student Case Management in Hope Vale, Mossman Gorge & Coen
  - Pride of Place project in all four welfare reform communities
  - Student Education Trusts in all four welfare reform communities
  - Project Management of Cape York Welfare Reform
  - Engagement and Communications in all four welfare reform communities
2. A new grant was made to the Cape York Institute in 2016-17 to develop the design of a constitutionally–entrenched Indigenous Representative Body. This decision was made by the Referendum Council Co-Chairs and endorsed by the full Referendum Council.
3. Yes.
4. The value of the grant is \$250,000 (GST exclusive). Under the funding agreement, the Cape York Institute will produce a detailed report on the design of a constitutionally–entrenched Indigenous Representative Body, and will present this report to the Referendum Council. The Cape York Institute will then continue to refine the proposal for an Indigenous Representative Body, working with the Referendum Council.
5. The release of the Indigenous Representative Body Design Report is a matter for the Referendum Council.
6. The decision by the Referendum Council Co-Chairs to make the grant to the Cape York Institute was endorsed by the full Referendum Council. Referendum Council Member, Noel Pearson, excluded himself from Council consideration of this grant to avoid any conflict of interest.
7. No.
8. Grants currently provided to Cape York Partnership entity are at Attachment A.

**Attachment A**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Agreement Start Date</b>
Bama Cape York Services Ltd	Safety & Wellbeing	Services to support an employment pathway for young 'high risk' people including case management services to assist them to remain in employment.	1/07/2015
Cape York Institute	Policy and Organisational Capacity	Cape York Policy and Organisational Capacity	1/05/2013
Cape York Institute	Children & Schooling - Schooling Projects	Cape York Leaders Program	15/06/2015
Cape York Institute	Children & Schooling - Schooling Projects	Girl Academy Project	15/06/2015
Cape York Institute	Children & Schooling - Schooling Projects	Indigenous Youth Leadership Legacy Project	1/01/2016
Cape York Institute	Culture and Capability Identified Projects	Empowered Communities Backbone Organisation (Cape York Region)	6/05/2016
Cape York Institute	Constitutional Recognition Project	Develop the design of a constitutionally-entrenched Indigenous Representative Body	12/09/2016
Cape York Employment Pty Ltd	Community Development Programme (CDP)	To encourage & support job seekers in physical & passive activities which facilitate good health, wellbeing and fitness and increasing practical work skills.	2015/16 <sup>1</sup>
Cape York Employment Pty Ltd	Community Development Programme	Delivery of CDP services (initially funded / contracted under the former Remote Jobs and Communities Programme)	1/09/2013
Djarragun College Ltd	Children & Schooling - Schooling Projects	Attendance and Personalised Pursuits (Includes Kick Start Attendance program)	1/07/2015

<sup>1</sup> Current at the time the question was asked; grant ceased on 31 March 2017.