

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
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**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

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**Question:**

1. The federal government has publicly committed to a \$5 million grant to help the Aboriginal Housing Corporation proceed with the Pemulwuy project.
  - a) When did the federal government notify the Aboriginal Housing Corporation of the grant?
  - b) What are the terms or conditions of the grant? When were the terms or conditions of the grant made known to the Aboriginal Housing Corporation?
  - c) Has the government met with the Aboriginal Housing Corporation about the grant since it was arranged? If so, how many times?
2. Has the Aboriginal Housing Corporation attempted to access the grant?

**Answer:**

1.
  - a) The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, discussed opportunities to support the Aboriginal Housing Company at a meeting in July 2015. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, publicly announced the grant in a media release on 27 August 2015.
  - b) The \$5 million grant offered to the Aboriginal Housing Company is contingent on the affordable housing component of the development progressing at the same time as the commercial component and that Aboriginal Housing Company gets the appropriate skills to manage the project. The terms of the grant offer were made known to the Aboriginal Housing Company in August 2015.
  - c) No. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, has not met with the Aboriginal Housing Company since the public announcement of the grant on 27 August 2015.
2. No.