

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

**Department/Agency:** Aboriginal Hostels Limited

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous

**Topic:** Cessation of Corporate and Community Partnerships Program

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

When was AHL's decision to cease the Corporate and Community Partnerships Program communicated to the 29 hostels funded under this program, and by what method?

If the decision was made in February 2014, as AHL has advised, why was notification of the intention to discontinue the program not given until May 2014?

**Answer:**

AHL formally wrote to all twenty-nine (29) organisations receiving funds under the Community and Corporate Partnerships Program (CCPP) on 16 May 2014 advising of pending changes to the administration of the programme.

Formal notification of the intention to discontinue the programme was not given until May 2014 as the decision was made by AHL in two parts. In February 2014, the AHL Board agreed to phase-out the programme over two years. In the context of work to consolidate programmes, the Board agreed in late April 2014 to accelerate the timing of the programme's discontinuation from 1 July 2014, following discussions with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.