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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

How many organisations will be required to incorporate under the CATSI Act?

- a. How many organisations applied for an exemption from the mandatory incorporation requirement?
- b. How many of these requests have been granted?
- c. Does the department make a recommendation to the Minister in respect of whether to grant the exemption?
- d. If so, did the Minister agree with all departmental advice?

Answer:

As at 23 June 2015, it is estimated 35 organisations will be required to transfer their incorporation status to the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act). This figure may change based on the outcome of funding negotiations.

- a. Ten organisations have applied for an exemption. Of this, five Indigenous organisations already incorporated under the Corporations Act are not required to transfer their incorporation as they are compliant with the policy.
- b. Applications are still being assessed.
- c. Yes
- d. See response to b) above.