

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

Can you provide details of the next rounds of funding for the IAS? When will it become available, for what purposes, and what amount will be available?

**Answer:**

Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding can be applied for at any time. Any possible future grant round and allocation of funding is a decision for Government. Under the 2016 Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Guidelines there are three ways for proposals to be considered for grant funding under the IAS:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) invites applications (open grant process or targeted grant process)
- PM&C approaches organisations (direct approach)
- PM&C responds to Community Led proposals (organisations can apply for funding at any time).

The IAS Guidelines detail the objectives of the IAS and the eligibility and assessment criteria for applicants seeking IAS funding.