

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Question No. SBE15/032**

**Senator Canavan asked the following question at the hearing on Tuesday 20 October 2015:**

Senator CANAVAN: I think you mentioned the aspects which are about trying to unlock the economic potential; presumably that will help resolve matters too—if there is an incentive to see these matters resolved. Is this the \$10.6 million?

Mr Minogue: I would have to take on notice the figure. But that is essentially administered by Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, so there is probably a limit to how far up—

Senator CANAVAN: Just to be clear, this is the recommendation:

\$10.6 million to support pilot reforms that broaden economic activity on land and demonstrate the benefits of reform to investors, Indigenous Australians and other stakeholders.

That is in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio?

Mr Minogue: I think that is right, yes.

Senator CANAVAN: We can leave that. There is also:

\$20.4 million to better support native title holders engage with potential investors.

Is that your area?

Mr Minogue: I would have to confess that I am not across that level of detail, so I would have to take that on notice. But I think that is actually in the Prime Minister's portfolio.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Under the Northern Australia White Paper the government has committed \$10.6 million over four years to supporting pilot reforms that broaden economic activity on land and demonstrate the benefits of reform to investors, Indigenous Australians and other stakeholders, and \$20.4million over four years to better support native title holders engage with potential investors. These measures fall under the responsibility of the Indigenous Affairs portfolio.