

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Aboriginal Benefit Account

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Senator Smith asked:

"What recent decisions have been taken in regards to the projects that had been submitted in the 1 August to 31 August 2012 application period? What is the timeframe around decisions for applications that closed on 8 February? What might be the future time line for those applications that have been submitted for the period that closed on 8 February? Provide any information regarding the decisions that have already been taken."

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs puts recommendations forward to the Minister for consideration progressively once due diligence assessments of each Aboriginals Benefit Account application is complete, and advice from the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee has been received.

Twenty eight of the Aboriginals Benefit Account applications received in August 2012, have been approved at a total of \$4,485,787.00.

Aboriginals Benefit Account Small Project applications submitted in the round that closed on 8 February 2013 were considered by the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee in April 2013. As at 29 April the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is preparing recommendations regarding this round for the Minister.