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QUESTION No.: BI-96

Senator ABETZ—Can I take you back to what AISAP was set up—for mergers, et cetera. Apart from exceptional circumstances, has any money been spent yet in pursuit of the other objectives of AISAP?

Mr Payne—Not spent, no.

Senator ABETZ—Committed?

Mr Payne—No.

Senator ABETZ—So neither spent nor committed?

Mr Payne—Sorry, Senator, I have been corrected on that last answer. There is commitment in one case for a non-exceptional circumstances grant.

Senator ABETZ—There is one application, did you say?

Mr Payne—No, a commitment in one case.

Senator ABETZ—To describe it as a non-exceptional circumstance, how many applications do we have?

Mr Payne—There are 15 applications. Nine have been under the exceptional circumstances provisions and six under the standard or normal provisions.

Senator ABETZ—So we are getting more applications under the exceptional circumstances provisions than under the general provisions of the scheme?

Mr Payne—So far, yes.

Senator ABETZ—That is in numerical terms. What about in dollar terms? Are the figures generally reflective of that?

Mr Payne—We would have to do some addition to give you the answer to that. Would you mind if we take that on notice?

Senator ABETZ—No, of course. I fully understand.

ANSWER

As at the date of the Budget Estimates hearings on 1 June 2009, fifteen applications had been received, nine applications under the exceptional circumstances provisions, and six under the standard provisions.

At 1 June 2009, \$56,152,500 had been requested under exceptional circumstances, and \$48,729,250 under the standard provision.