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PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

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Senator: MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD—Is the office aware that it appears from material given to us in the Caring for our Country program—and I am taking your coordinating role across the regional subcommittee of cabinet and the other units that we were talking about before—that the Caring for our Country grants released yesterday do not appear to contain any funding at all for that part of Western Australia north of the Tropic of Capricorn? Is that something that the office is aware of and, if so, could they explain why that might be? Perhaps it was a mistake.

Ms Beauchamp—We will take that on notice.

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Answer:

The Office of Northern Australia is aware of the funding allocations under the Caring for our Country program. Information about the program and the priorities for investment in the Business Plan 2010-11 is available on the Australian Government website http://www.nrm.gov.au/.