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Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Ms Fleming: We contacted each of the successful applicants and we are seeking further information to execute a funding agreement, and we are currently negotiating with the 35. We draft up a funding agreement, they consider that and, once they have signed it, we then sign it. The template of the funding agreement is on the website.

Senator JOYCE: In that case, how far have you got with the funding agreement with the Clunes Museum for \$2.6 million?

Ms Fleming: We would have made initial contact advising them that they have been successful. I would have to provide on notice what level of information we have received to date from that particular council.

Answer:

The Department has had several contacts with Hepburn Shire Council following the announcement. Additional information has been received about the project scheduling and milestones, for inclusion in the Funding Agreement. It is anticipated that the Funding Agreement will be finalised by the end of December 2011.