

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 May 2004

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(129) Output: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services

Senator O'Brien (L&C 65) asked:

Can you provide a breakdown by state and territory of places and the number of CDEP participants?

Answer:

Please refer to the table below, figures as at 16 June 2004:

State	Remote Places	Non-remote Places	Total Places	CDEP Providers
NSW	0	5684	5684	52
NT	8266	0	8266	53
QLD	4234	4292	8526	40
SA	1211	1557	2768	32
TAS	50	109	159	2
VIC	0	948	948	8
WA	7425	2940	10365	51
Grand Total	21186	15530	36716	238

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 69) asked:

Is Operation Hoodoo in addition to the information provided at the last estimates?

Answer:

Yes, in that the information provided on 17 February 2004, as recorded at pages 168 to 170 of Hansard, covered "Bidjara Motor Corporation, Bidjara Aboriginal Housing and Land Company, Bidjara Media and Broadcasting Company, Bidjara CDEP Company, and Bidjara and South West Queensland Legal Services" and Operation Hoodoo was the name given to an examination covering records of Bidjara Aboriginal Housing and Land Company and records of Indigenous Housing and Construction Co Pty Limited (In Liquidation) ACN 096 262 270.

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 69) asked:

How did one get on the contract panel?

Answer:

The panel of providers of fraud and general criminal investigation, specialist computer investigation and forensic accounting services providers came into existence as a result of an ATSIC tender process that, following media advertisements calling generally for expressions of interest, closed in December 2000: of the 21 tenderers, 7 met the selection criteria that they were selected and were included on the panel of providers.

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 69) asked:

Was the amount paid for the forensic audit undertaken by Walter and Turnbull over more than one financial year?

Answer:

No, the total amount was paid during the 2002-03 financial year.

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 70) asked:

Who are the principals of Walter Turnbull?

Answer:

The records of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission show that WalterTurnbull Pty Limited ACN 099 740 879 was incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory on 27 February 2002 (under the name Walter & Turnbull Pty Limited, which was changed to WalterTurnbull Pty Limited on 24 October 2002), that the 1,000 shares on issue are held by Walter & Turnbull Holdings No 2 Pty Limited ACN 078 714 762, and that the directors of WalterTurnbull Pty Limited are:

Sean Thomas Hammond
Andrew Robert Turnbull
Peter Sheville
Donald Christopher Walter
Andrew Bruce Papps
Glenn Arthur O'Sullivan
Ian James Todd
John Charles Cuthel
Kevin Jerome Bush
Anthony Wayne McDonald
Steven Grant Baker.

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 70) asked:

- (a) Under what ATSIC or ATSIS program did the Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place Association receive funding?
- (b) How much has it received?
- (c) What is the future for it after 1 July?

Answer:

- (a) In 2002-03 and 2003-04 the Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place Association received funding from ATSIC and ATSIS under the Preservation and Promotion of Indigenous Culture program.
- (b) Funding allocated was in the following amounts:

2002-03 \$10,000 ATSIC

2003-04 \$35,000 ATSIS
- (c) The Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place have applied to ATSIS for funding for the 2004-05 financial year. It is anticipated that a decision on this application will be made by the end of June 2004. A response will be provided to the Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place as soon as possible after a decision is made.

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 73) asked:

What funds does the Commonwealth expend on Aboriginal interpreting services in the Kimberley region?

Answer:

Kimberley Interpreting Service first received ATSIIS funding through this region late in this financial year for \$25,000. The funds were offered through Mirima Language Centre in Kununurra to support a part-time project officer and associated administration costs.

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Senator O'Brien (L&C 74) asked:

What costs has the Commonwealth incurred contesting and otherwise dealing with a legal claim by Mr Mark McMurtry related to a contract dispute, which originated at or around the time of ATSIC's formation?

Answer:

Current costs total \$243,597.96, comprising professional costs of \$168,658.60 and disbursements of \$74,939.36.