

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(280) Output 3.1: Whole-of-government coordination of policy development and service delivery for Indigenous Australians

Senator Evans asked:

1. Has any of the \$50 m dollars promised for creation of Economic Development Strategy for Indigenous Australians been delivered?
2. If so, please give a detailed outline of where, and how much funding has been provided.
3. Some of the projects this money should have been going to were the subject of questions in May Senate Estimates, and not one of them had received funding. Which of these have subsequently received funding, if any?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. & 3. On 7 October 2005 the Minister announced \$330,000 for the community of Alekarrange, NT combined with Centrefarm Aboriginal Horticulture Ltd to develop Aboriginal owned land and infrastructure for commercial horticulture. This delivers on the Government's 2004 election commitment to support Indigenous horticulture projects in association with the Central Land Council.

On 8 December 2005, the Minister announced that \$455,000 will be provided to the Gwalwa Daraniki Association to support the development of a commercial mud crab farm. This delivers on the Government's 2004 election commitment to support indigenous aquaculture projects in the Darwin region.