

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Evans asked:

1. Of the 12 applications approved by the ABA Advisory Committee in May 2005 to go to the Minister, how many has the Minister considered? How many have been approved? How many have been rejected?
2. How many of those applications have been received from bodies other than the four land councils?
3. Who were those bodies and were their applications ultimately successful?

Answer:

1. Eleven (11) applications were supported by the ABA Advisory Committee meeting at its May 2005 meeting. Of those, 8 were supported in principle subject to further information being provided to the Committee. The Minister has considered 3 and these were approved. The other applications are still to be resolved and the Minister has not rejected any.
2. Of the 11 applications, 7 were received from bodies other than land councils.
3. The names of the 7 bodies at question 2 are set out below.

Name	Purpose
Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Training and Education	Aquaculture training
Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc	Crab aquaculture enterprise
Gumatj Association Inc	Rental accommodation for Alcan Gove expansion
Twin Hill Aboriginal Corporation	Landcare
Tiwi Islands Local Government	Earth-moving plant and equipment
Centrefarm Aboriginal Horticulture Ltd	Capital infrastructure for mango orchard
Bunuwal Investments P/L	Rental accommodation for Alcan Gove expansion

Of the above applications, funding from the ABA has been approved to date by the Minister for Twin Hill Aboriginal Corporation, and Centrefarm Aboriginal Horticulture Ltd.