Fraud suspected in 44 program reports

EXCLUSIVE

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Unreasoned business advice and a lack of business literacy in Indigenous corporations have combined to produce high levels of theft in remote communities, according to a report not subject to government investigation analysis.

The ABC Four Corners last week made national headlines with sensational claims in the multi-billion dollar sector, including reports by former Bunbury businessman Gary Johnson, who in 2013 was paid $6.6 million in management fees and profits through an arrangement with the Marra Worra Worra Corporation at Fitzroy Crossing in the Pilbara region.

The corporation received from $82 to $125 million annually to deliver services including drinking water, health and sanitation, education and housing, to 12,000 people who have come to live on the Reserve.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet is investigating 44 organisations for management and waste of funds, the programme said.

In another instance, retail corporation Myer's head of case management Mr Martin told the program: “We have come in and found a lack of management control, people have come in and destroyed boards who have no financial or commercial background.”

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed told the program: “These are pockets of the community where the government has invested billions into these places.”

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has set up an investigation organisation, running the East Kimberley Town of Weenup of 33, with promises of a state-funded building program for the town was destroyed by flood.

Work up a sweat to beat cancer

Newly-diagnosed cancer patients should be advised immediately to diet and exercise to improve their quality of life, reduce the likelihood of recurrence and improve survival, a large international trial has shown.

Weight loss and physical activity are known to be key factors in cancer prevention, but new research from the American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago, showed that patients of a normal weight were twice as likely to die of their cancer if they smoked, while those with cancer who did the exercises and lost weight were twice as likely to survive.

Yale University researchers found that women who lost weight and exercised with cancer who did the exercises and lost weight were twice as likely to survive.

A national study of intellectual fitness and brain health in adults aged 50 to 74 years in Australia has found that the fit brain was the foundation of thinking, memory and learning.

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