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CABINET DECISION

No. 3529

Submission No.: WITHOUT SUBMISSION

Title: CYCLONE RELIEF PAYMENTS - BORROLOOLA

Cabinet:-

- (a) approved a system of relief payments for personal hardship suffered by victims of Cyclone Kathy whereby all claims up to a maximum amount be met in full and claimants beyond the maximum receive the maximum allowance;
- (b) determined the maximum amounts in respect of non-business losses to be:
- (i) payments for essentials comprising, bedding/linen; clothing; kitchen equipment/utensils; fridge/freezer; kitchen furniture; mattresses; beds; washing machines; lounge furniture - up to a maximum amount of \$2450 per family
 - (ii) payments for property comprising houses, galvanised iron sheds used for living purposes or storage; tents when used for living and caravans up to a maximum amount of \$4,312 per family.
- (c) decided that business losses are not to be subject to relief grants but loans may be considered. Cabinet directed the Northern Territory Development Corporation to prepare suitable guidelines for any such loans;
- (d) directed the Department of Community Development Officers to liaise with Borroloola Council and Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs Officers on anticipated payments; and
- (e) requested Officers of the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Community Development to prepare a Cabinet Submission recommending procedures and guidelines which could be adopted to permit personal hardship relief payments to be made promptly in any future natural disaster situations.

Morris
(A.G. MORRIS) Secretary to Cabinet.
27 April 1984

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