

BANKING IMPLICATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Comment - Mark Gray (Speaker):

Just one comment and Barry may wish to respond. I know that the Asian Development Bank work is very encouraging. But just a point of clarification from my perspective. The banking implications related to the economic development of indigenous people from where I sit is not so much an issue of poverty or social justice or anything like that, although I do note it is still a real issue, but in the context of what I was discussing, I just did not want people to make that connection and I am assuming you have not. I just wanted to clarify that point.

Comment - Roger Drummond (Chairman):

Hopefully, having heard our three speakers this afternoon, certainly from an Australasian perspective you will see that there are real economic opportunities for both Aboriginal and Maori economic development, and as a consequence I hope this afternoon that this has been a useful session in the sense of actually making you more aware of some of the possibilities and some suggestions as to how one can handle the security situation which Mark referred to. I think as professionals we do actually have a responsibility in both countries to assist our indigenous people and achieve that win-win scenario I was referring to before. So without further ado, on your behalf I would like to thank our three speakers. I think we have been very well served from the different perspective which each of them has come from, and I would like you to show your appreciation please in the normal fashion.