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Overseas funds for meeting

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Finance for an
Aboriginal health con-
ference being held in
Townsville at the
weekend has been pro-
vided from overseas.

The conference, staged
by the National Abori-
ginal Islander Health
Organisation, will high-
light what organisers
claim is the waste of
millions of dollars on in-
efficient health services
for Aborigines.

A spokesman for the
organisation, Mr Gary
Foley, last night refused
to reveal the source of
foreign funds but said
the money was offered
after the Federal Go-
vernment had refused to
sponsor the conference,
forcing it to be postpon-
ed a month.

Mr Foley said the Abori-
ginal Affairs Minister,
Senator Chaney, had ob-
jected to discussions on
the misuse of Federal
and State funds allocated
to Aboriginal health ser-
vices.

Mr Foley said the
overseas grant indicated
the growing interna-
tional interest in the
Aboriginal movement.