

abol Blacks demand control of \$9m. fund

FEDERAL Cabinet will next week consider a demand by the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee to control of the \$9 million Aboriginal capital development fund.

The 41-member committee which will meet in Canberra from Monday to Friday next week

will also demand to be made a statutory body.

On Monday the committee will deliver its revised constitution to the office of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh.

The Cabinet will then decide whether or not to agree to the constitution and the increased powers it will give committee members.

Mr Bruce McGuinness, publicity officer for the committee, said yesterday the revised constitution would empower the committee to establish bodies to administer the capital development fund, which makes grants to Aboriginal self-help enterprises.

Mr McGuinness said he was hopeful Cabinet would agree to the demands.

He said: "I certainly believe that some concessions will be made, not necessarily because Cabinet wants to but because it would be politically naive to do otherwise."