

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 405

**Topic:** CLC Huckitta Station

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Scullion** asked:

Why were funds from the ABA used to purchase Huckitta Station and not ILC funds?  
Was the ILC formally consulted on the purchase as to whether it was a commercially viable proposition?  
What has been the financial results of Huckitta Station since its purchase?  
How many full-time jobs have been filled by Aboriginal people?  
How many managers has Huckitta Station had since it was purchased by the CLC?

**Answer:**

The Central Land Council applied to the Aboriginals Benefit Account for funds to purchase Huckitta Station as the timing of the Indigenous Land Corporation's annual application process meant that the opportunity to purchase the station would pass by before the Indigenous Land Corporation could make decisions regarding the proposal.

The Indigenous Land Corporation was consulted about the purchase of Huckitta Station and formally advised that they would be prepared to consider funding aspects of the project following acquisition.

Reports to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs show that as at 28 June 2012 the Corporation is solvent.

Three local Indigenous people are employed full-time on the station.

Huckitta Station has had two managers since it was purchased by the Central Land Council.