

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Senator:** Senator Cory Bernardi

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**Question:**

Can you advise on the range of training activities you are involved in?

**Answer:**

The Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporation's (the Registrar) functions and powers are set out in section 658-1 of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act). They include:

“(e) to conduct public education programs on the operation of the CATSI Act and on governance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations.”

Corporate governance training is available to directors, members and key staff by way of residential training through the Registrar's formal Managing in Two Worlds program; and in workshops in community through corporation specific training programs.

*Managing in Two Worlds program:*

The Managing in Two Worlds program encompasses:

- Introduction to Corporate Governance (ICG) workshops held over three days.
- Certificate IV in Business (Governance) which is delivered in four one-week blocks.
- Diploma of Business (Governance) which is delivered in five one-week blocks.

*Corporation specific training:*

Corporation specific training is provided to individual corporations who request training. It is generally held at the corporation's premises or in the community and is delivered over one or two days. The range of workshops may include:

- pre-incorporation doorway training;
- rule-book design and re-design;

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- corporation post-administration governance training that addresses specific governance issues;
- support and mentoring training that provides practical support and information in running a corporation; and
- Building Strong Stores which is a two-day program specifically designed for corporations that manage a community store.

**Overall training delivered:**

In 2012-13 the Registrar delivered 86 free corporate governance training workshops to 897 participants from 198 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations.

To date in 2013-14 the Registrar has delivered training to over 1000 participants from nearly 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations, the highest on record.