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Question:

Senator McCARTHY: Sorry, Senator—you said 51 per cent Indigenous employment. How many in that procurement scenario are Indigenous? How many Indigenous businesses are there?

Senator Scullion: There are 708.

Senator McCARTHY: And that is right across the country?

Senator Scullion: That is across the spectrum of Australian business. One would assume, and I do not have the number to hand, so perhaps I can take it on notice—that is just those on AusTender, so the contracts above \$10,000.

Answer:

708 Indigenous businesses were awarded at least one contract by a Commonwealth agency in the first 18 months of the policy. The total value of these contracts was \$434.1 million.

These figures include all contracts, including 1,468 valued above \$10,000 and 1,278 valued below \$10,000.

The table below shows the distribution of contracts by state/territory. Note: the location of the 708 businesses that won IPP contracts cannot be determined if the business is a sole trader without an ABN.

State/Territory	No. of Contracts	Value \$ million
NSW	690	\$145.9
VIC	127	\$67.4
QLD	488	\$62.0
SA	122	\$9.7
WA	325	\$13.5
TAS	15	\$0.4
NT	363	\$65.1
ACT	559	\$69.7
No ABN	57	\$0.3
Total	2,746	\$434.1