

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 314

**Topic:** Township Leasing

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

How much have the township leases for Groote Eylandt and Wurrumiyanga drawn down the Aboriginals Benefit Account?

**Answer:**

The township lease for Groote Eylandt was executed in December 2008 and included an upfront payment of \$4,500,000, which was drawn down from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) under section 64(4A) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

The township lease for Wurrumiyanga was executed in August 2007 and included an upfront lease payment of \$5,000,000, which was drawn down from the ABA under section 64(4A) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.