

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: 317

Topic: Aboriginals Benefit Account

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Senator Scullion asked:

Could you identify the cost incurred to the non-returnable part of the ABA by the cadastral surveys?

Answer:

In relation to township leases granted under section 19A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (ALRA), the draw on the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA) for the cost of completing cadastral surveys is \$627,908. This is intended to be returned through the income generated under the township lease.

In relation to other leases administered by the Executive Director of Township Leasing, the draw on the ABA for survey costs up to the end of this financial year will be \$290,262. This amount will not be returned to ABA.