

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 487

**Topic:** PY-KU Centres on the APY Lands

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

"The 6 PY-KU Centres on the APY Lands were opened in 2007 at a cost to the Commonwealth of \$4.5m. Can you advise how these centres are now operating, what services they are offering and how they are funded?"

**Answer:**

Five PY Ku Centres are currently operational on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. The Watarru centre is currently non-operational. The centres operate as one-stop shop rural transaction centres. PY Ku Aboriginal Corporation manages fee for service contracts with Australian and South Australian Government agencies and community sector organisations. Anangu employees then deliver the contracted services to residents.

The PY Ku Centres provide services from Centrelink, Australia Post and Service SA. Other government and community sector organisations also utilise the centres on occasion to deliver their services. Additionally, the centres provide residents with internet access and the use of multi-purpose meeting facilities.

The Australian Government does not have a current funding agreement with PY Ku Aboriginal Corporation. Government agencies fund PY Ku Aboriginal Corporation to deliver services through fee for service contracts.