

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Can the Department provide the following information with respect to the consolidation of Indigenous programs into PMC:

- a. How many staff will be moved to PMC or made redundant
- b. What functions and programs originally within the Department of Environment will be moved to PMC
- c. What functions and programs have been or will be changed or ceased.

**Answer:**

- a. As part of the Machinery of Government changes, 48 employees were transferred from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on 21 November 2013 due to the consolidation of Indigenous Programmes.
- b. On 18 September 2013, responsibility for Indigenous programmes was transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The programmes included the Working on Country Programme, Indigenous Protected Areas Programme, the Indigenous Heritage Programme, the Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund and responsibility for Indigenous Land Management Officers.
- c. Working on Country Indigenous rangers, Indigenous Protected Areas and Indigenous heritage conservation will continue to be supported under the Jobs, Land and Economy programme delivered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet under the Indigenous Advancement strategy. Further funding for the Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund is not being provided beyond 2014-15.