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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Senator URQUHART: I just want to take you to Table O, page 204 of the PBS, relating to KPIs. Could you please provide a list of any new TUMRAs or ILUAs that you expect to finalise this financial year.

Dr Reichelt: TUMRA is short for Traditional Use Marine Resource Agreements. I will have to check the actual figures. I might need to take that one on notice. But those programs are critical to the managing of, say, traditional hunting—that is the key one. But it does go to other issues for traditional owners along our coast. There are 70 traditional owner units along the coast, and we are seeking to endorse the agreements that they reach under their native title to limit their take of species that are of conservation concern. I do know that 11 or 12 such family groups have in the last 12 months initiated bans on traditional hunting voluntarily, because an element of the Traditional Use Marine Resource Agreement is the sustainability of these iconic species. We have found that by encouraging the cultural authority of elders in the community the amount of unsupported hunting goes down, and it builds capacity in the community as well. One of our roles under that program is to give training—we call it the Eyes and Ears program—to Indigenous rangers along the coast so that when they do collect evidence, for example, on illegal poaching by other Indigenous people who are not traditional owners, they collect evidence that can be used in legal process. So, it is a good program. Your question was actually how many are there, and we expect one or two per year in the program. We have seven, I believe, but I would like to check the figures and give them to you.

Senator URQUHART: Yes, perhaps you could take that on notice

**Answer:**

1. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) has accredited two Traditional Use of Resources Agreements (TUMRAs) in the 2013/2014 financial year:
  - The Lama Lama TUMRA was accredited in August 2013. The Lama Lama TUMRA area is situated off Eastern Cape York in the Princess Charlotte Bay area and comprises 2323 square kilometres of sea country.
  - The Yirrganydji TUMRA was accredited in April 2014. The Yirrganydji TUMRA area is located in the Cairns urban coast region and comprises 2066 square kilometres of sea country.
2. GBRMPA also expects the Pul Pul Traditional Owner group to submit their TUMRA for assessment and consideration for accreditation in late 2014. The Pul Pul TUMRA area is situated off Eastern Cape York to the north of Princess Charlotte Bay.
3. GBRMPA does not expect to negotiate or finalise any Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) in the 2013/14 financial year.