

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Topic:** Registration with ORIC

**Senator:** Nova Peris

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**Question:**

**Senator PERIS:** How many Indigenous businesses are registered with ORIC now? Can you give me the breakdown from 2013-14 and 2015, where you are at now?

**Mr Beven:** As of today there are 2,670 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations registered with my office, and each year there are approximately 100 to 200 new corporations registered.

**Senator PERIS:** So, since the announcement of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy made it almost compulsory that organisations are registered, what has been the uptake? Can you give me a figure of where you were at, say, at the beginning of last year?

**Mr Beven:** I can take that on notice, but to answer your question, no, we have not seen a substantial increase in the number of new incorporations, and in this financial year we have only seen four entities transferring their registration from a state based scheme across to the legislation that I administer. So, no, we have not seen a major influx of registrations.

**Answer:**

The number of total corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) from 30 June 2013 is set out in the following table:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Registered corporations</b>
30 June 2013	2488
31 December 2013	2564
30 June 2014	2596
31 December 2014	2668
28 February 2015	2671

The number of existing organisations transferring their registration to the CATSI Act each month since January 2014 is set out in the following table:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Transfers</b>
January 2014	0
February 2014	1
March 2014	0
April 2014	0
May 2014	2
June 2014	1
July 2014	1
August 2014	1
September 2014	1
October 2014	0
November 2014	1
December 2014	0
January 2015	0
February 2015	0