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**Question:**

There seems to have been minimal spending on the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) business support over the last two years.

1. Can you please provide a comparative expenditure (broken-down external vs dept costs) for IEP Business Support in calendar and financial years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015?

**Answer:**

**Table 1:** IEP business support funding: allocation by financial year.

Financial year	Amount (GST inc)
2011-12	\$15,871,000
2012-13	\$15,997,000
2013-14	\$4,155,000
2014 – 2015 (28 Feb 2015)	\$4,834,000

**Table 2:** IEP business support funding: allocation by calendar year.

Calendar year	Amount (GST inc)
2012	\$17,393,000
2013	\$9,770,000
2014	\$3,626,000
2015 (28 Feb 2015)	\$2,572,000

All funding was provided to third parties to work directly or in partnership with Indigenous organisations to provide a range of economic development and business support activities. This funding is demand driven, that is, it is provided in response to ad hoc requests, based on business demand.

It would be misleading to look at this expenditure in isolation. In addition to the business support element of the IEP, business support and assistance is provided through a variety of other programmes such as the Remote Jobs and Community Programme.

A breakdown of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's expenditure in managing this element of the IEP program cannot be identified as this expenditure is absorbed within the department's general operations.