

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel  
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**Question:**

- a) What is the status of funding for National Congress?
- b) Has the Minister's office or the Department had meetings with the Congress about their funding?

**Answer:**

- a) National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress) was provided \$29.3 million over four years to 2013-14. In April 2014, the funding agreement was extended until 30 June 2017 in order to allow Congress to use its cash reserves beyond the end of the 2013-14 financial year.

Congress submitted an application for funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy on 2 February 2016. The application is being assessed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

- b) Yes