

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Commissioned reports - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 311

**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?
3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer:**

Responses for the Indigenous Affairs agencies within the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio are provided below:

Portfolio Agency	Answer
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	Nil
Anindilyakwa Land Council	Nil
Central Land Council	Information not provided in the timeframe requested
Indigenous Business Australia	Nil
Indigenous Land Corporation	One report was commissioned by the ILC. 1. A report was commissioned in March 2014 from Symmetra Pty Ltd and the report was received in June 2014. Symmetra Pty Ltd was asked to conduct an industrial relations, workplace, and bullying and harassment project. The report will not be handed to

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	<p>Government and will not be publicly released.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Cost \$89,000</li><li>3. The report has been finalised and is for ILC use only.</li></ol> <p>Note that this response does not include reports commissioned through the ILC Internal Audit Program and the responses on legal advice have been provided in the response to QoN 312.</p>
Northern Land Council	Information not provided in the timeframe requested
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	Nil
Tiwi Land Council	Nil
Torres Strait Regional Authority	Nil
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Nil