

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

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

**Topic:** FOI requests - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

Since September 7, 2013:

1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
  - a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
  - b. For how many has a redacted document been provided?

**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	Not applicable
Central Land Council	Not applicable
Indigenous Business Australia	Nil
Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Since 7 September 2013 ILC has received four FOI requests.</li><li>2. In those requests three documents were deliberative documents (in that they contained info that was exempt under section 47C)</li><li>3. All three of those deliberative documents were released in part (i.e. in redacted form). No deliberative documents were exempt in full.</li></ol>
Northern Land Council	Not applicable

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Outback Stores Pty Ltd	Nil
Tiwi Land Council	Not applicable
Torres Strait Regional Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. One FOI Request Received 24 Jan 2014.</li><li>2. The request was not identified to be of deliberative nature and was referred to the AGS for further advice.</li><li>3a. Access was not refused on this request.</li><li>3b. The documents were redacted prior to being sent.</li></ol>
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Nil