

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: Red Tape Reduction - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
 1. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
 3. How have they been recruited?
 4. What process was used for their appointment?
 5. What is the total cost of this unit?
 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
 8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.
 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

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

Portfolio Agency	Answer
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	Not applicable.
Anindilyakwa Land Council	Nil.
Central Land Council	Nil.

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Indigenous Business Australia	IBA does not have a dedicated red tape reduction unit and these functions are managed within existing program and corporate support resources. Due to IBA's commercial approach, IBA has in place an ongoing program of continuous improvement across its functions for reducing red-tape and maximising customer outcomes. IBA policies that may impact our customers are reviewed regularly.
Indigenous Land Corporation	Nil.
Northern Land Council	Information not provided in the timeframe requested.
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	Nil.
Tiwi Land Council	Not applicable.
Torres Strait Regional Authority	TSRA has completed PM&C's self-assessment Questionnaire tool to identify possible opportunities to reduce red tape.
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Nil at present. Still negotiating with PM and C for assistance with this government initiative.