

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: Meeting costs - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.

b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

Parts b and d of the question do not apply to the Indigenous Affairs agencies within the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Responses to Parts a and c of the question are below:

Portfolio Agency	Answer
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	(a) Total cost for external meetings from February 2014 is \$1,343.25 (b) 2014-15 Budget allocation for all meeting costs is \$21,709.00

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Anindilyakwa Land Council		Meeting expenses insignificant for external meetings.	
Central Land Council		Nil – all meetings/events internal.	
Indigenous Business Australia			
a)			
Date	Location	Purpose of Meeting	Cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs
March 2014	Canberra	IBA Executive Strategy Planning Workshop	\$8,645.10
March 2014	Canberra	IBA Executive Workshop	\$3,945.91
April 2014	Canberra	HR Related	\$3,700.00
c) As per revised budget figure for 2013-2014, total amount of \$93,273.62 was planned for March-May 2014. To provide further requested information including date, location and purpose of events would involve an unreasonable diversion of limited agency resources.			
Indigenous Land Corporation		a) Total costs from Additional Estimates in February to date is \$2,120 c) No current plans for external meetings	
Northern Land Council		Specific information not currently available – external consultation is NLC core business.	
Outback Stores Pty Ltd		Nil.	
Tiwi Land Council		Nil.	
Torres Strait Regional Authority			
Date	Location	Purpose of Meeting	Cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs
Mar-14	Cairns	Native Title matters	2,793
Mar-14	Bamaga	Native Title matters	1,670
Apr-14	Thursday Island	Indigenous Art Centres Association networking	458
Apr-14	Thursday Island	Protected Zone Joint Authority stakeholder forum	5,455
May-14	Bamaga	Native Title matters	3,436
Jun-14	Thursday Island	Native Title matters	2,988
Jun-14	Thursday Island	Artists development and feedback	-
		Total	\$16,800
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council		a) Nil c) Nil	