

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Budget Estimates Hearing 25-29 May 2015**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous

**Topic:** Provide a list of funding totals against each of the five programme streams.

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Were any Aboriginal Legal Services or the peak body, NATSILS, funded from the IAS? If so:

- a. How many services were funded?
- b. Was any core function or activity of the legal services or the peak body funded under the IAS?
- c. Why were these services not funded from the Attorney General's portfolio alongside mainstream legal services?

**Answer:**

Yes.

- a. Three (3) Aboriginal Legal Services have been offered funding as part of the IAS funding round:
  1. Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service Inc to deliver supplementary legal assistance to Indigenous people and Youth Justice Advocacy Program,
  2. North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency to deliver supplementary legal assistance to Indigenous people and community safety training to night patrollers, and
  3. Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc to deliver an Aboriginal health service, a social and emotional wellbeing service, and a substance abuse programme.

In addition, a further four (4) Aboriginal Legal Services have funding agreements already in place prior to the IAS funding round that expire on 30 June 2016:

1. North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency for prisoner through care services to Indigenous prisoners.
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (QLD) Ltd prisoner through care services to Indigenous prisoners.

3. Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service Inc to deliver community safety training to night patrollers.
4. Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc to deliver sport and recreation activities.

- b. No.
- c. Not applicable given the answer to (b)