

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SENATE ESTIMATES SESSION

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – All Agencies

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: FOI Handling

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question: Since 18 September 2013 has any advice been received from the Attorney-General's Department on the handling of Freedom of Information requests? If so, please provide details of (a) the date (b) the source (c) the subject of the advice and (d) a copy of written advice.

Answer: The Department has not requested an answer to those parts of this question that are applicable to the Indigenous portfolio bodies (Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Indigenous Business Australia, Indigenous Land Corporation, Outback Stores, Torres Strait Regional Authority and Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council) as in its view the provision of answers would unreasonably impact on the limited resources of Indigenous portfolio bodies so as to cause a significant distraction from their core functions.