

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 20-24 October 2014**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous  
**Topic:** Arnhem Land Trip

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

1. Could the department provide a fully itemised costing for the Prime Minister's trip to Arnhem Land in September 2014?
2. What is the total of existing budget resources that were used to fund the trip? What are these existing budget resources?
3. How many organisations did the Prime Minister meet with?
4. What organisations did the Prime Minister visit?
5. Were any organisations that requested a meeting with the Prime Minister declined that opportunity? If so, who were these organisations and on what basis was the meeting declined?
6. How many community forums or open discussions were held with the Prime Minister?
7. Does the \$86,000 additional departmental cost include the additional funding provided to Defence?
8. Are there any plans underway for another visit to an Indigenous community?

**Answer:**

1. Actual costs to date are itemised below:

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Good/Service Purchased</b>
\$8,375	Lirrwi Tourism / Walkabout Lodge	Buses, drivers, accommodation, packaged meals and additional transport for registered media and the Indigenous Advisory Council.
\$885	Gift and camp support items	\$395 (gift to Galarrwuy Yunupingu) and \$490 for camp supplies (e.g. essential items such as spare towels, toothpaste and sunscreen).
\$1,514	Stakeholder Meetings	Venue hire and refreshments for key stakeholder meetings inclusive of the Indigenous and Community Organisations Meeting and Health Forum.

The Department is working to finalise actual costs to: the Yothu Yindi Foundation for full use of the Garma site; Department of Defence for rations and catering for some community events; and Telstra for the supply of a communications tower.

2. A specific budget allocation was not established for the Prime Minister's visit to North East Arnhem Land. The Department supported the visit through existing Departmental resources and will meet all costs within existing operational budgets. Specific costs attributable to the visit are listed in the response to question one (above).
3. The Prime Minister met with 22 organisations. For a complete listing, refer to Attachment A.
4. For a complete list of locations the Prime Minister visited, refer to Attachment A.
5. Every effort was made to involve all local Indigenous organisations in meetings with the Prime Minister and other ministers. The Department is not aware of any local organisation whose request for a meeting was declined. Some organisations based elsewhere in the Northern Territory who had requested that the Prime Minister travel beyond the visit region to meet with them were not able to be accommodated.

The Prime Minister was required to depart one day earlier than originally scheduled in order to farewell Australian defence force personnel. Every effort was made to reschedule meetings to earlier days. Some organisations' meetings were not able to be rescheduled and proceeded with relevant Ministers' attendance, but without the Prime Minister. Due to the rescheduling of meetings some organisations were also subsequently unable to attend meetings with the Prime Minister to which they had been invited.

6. Three community forums were held with the Prime Minister. A further five events were hosted by the Prime Minister where Yolngu men, women and children had the opportunity to have open discussions with the Prime Minister. These forums and events are listed at Attachment A. The Prime Minister also hosted a number of private meetings and working dinners.
7. Yes

8. At the 2013 Federal election, the Prime Minister committed to spending a week each year in an Indigenous community.

**Locations the Prime Minister Visited**

- Yirrkala Community – Welcome to Country
- Yirrkala / Nhulunbuy – Night Patrol
- Garma Knowledge Centre – various stakeholder meetings and dinners
- Garrathiya Cattle Station
- Gulkula Timber Mill
- Gulkula Mine Site
- Yolngu Radio Station
- Dharpa Djarmma Furniture Studio
- Gunyangara Community Nursery
- Gunyangara Community Café
- Nhulunbuy – various locations for stakeholder meetings and dinners
- Yirrkala Community School
- Yirrkala Community – Walking bus
- Yirrkala Community Hall – community forum
- Yirrkala Community – WWII Commemorative Service

**Organisations the Prime Minister met with**

- **Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation**  
Welcome to Country, Garrathiya Cattle Station, Gulkula Timber Mill, Gulkula Mine Site, Dharpa Djarmma Furniture Studio, Gunyangara Community Nursery and Gunyangara Community Café.
- **Rirratingu Corporation**  
Welcome to Country and private meeting at PM&C Nhulunbuy Regional Office.
- **Yothu Yindi Foundation**  
Garma Knowledge Centre.
- **East Arnhem Regional Council**  
Community Night Patrol in Yirrkala and Nhulunbuy.
- **Northern Territory Department of Education**  
Yirrkala Community School.
- **Aboriginal Resource Development Services Inc**  
Yolngu Radio Station.
- **Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre**  
Welcome to Country and Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Miwatj Employment and Participation Ltd**  
Walking Bus with School Attendance Officers.

- **Yolngu Business Enterprise (2) Pty Ltd**  
Nhulunbuy Head Office and Operations Centre.
- **North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) Arnhem Squadron**  
WWII Commemorative Service at Yirrkala War Memorial.
- **NT Cattlemen's Association**  
Pastoralists Meeting at Garrathiya Cattle Station.
- **Rio Tinto Alcan Gove**  
Private meeting at PM&C Nhulunbuy Regional Office.
- **ANGLICARE NT Nhulunbuy**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Bunuwal Investments Pty Ltd**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Marngarr Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Moonfish Productions Aboriginal Corporation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.
- **Clontarf Foundation**  
Indigenous Organisations Meeting in Nhulunbuy.

## **Community Forums and Events**

- **Women's Discussion – forum**  
Women from Yirrkala, Gunyangara and Laynhapuy Homelands.
- **School Attendance Discussion – forum**  
Yirrkala parents and teachers.
- **Indigenous Organisations Meeting – forum**  
Various Indigenous organisations from surrounding region.
- **Lunch at Gunyangara – event**  
Yolngu men and women, Gunyangara Community Nursery Employees, Dharpa Djarmma Furniture Studio Employees and Gumtaj Café Employees.
- **BBQ Lunch with School Community – event**  
Yolngu men, women and children – including parents, teachers and students.
- **Morning Tea with Gumatj Timber Mill Employees – event**  
Yolngu men.
- **Afternoon Tea with Gumatj Cattle Station Employees – event**  
Indigenous cattlemen (employees), Cattle Station Manager and Pastoralists.
- **WWII Commemorative Event and Morning Tea – event**  
Yirrkala community members, Yolngu Senior Regional Elders, and NORFORCE Personnel.