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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Ms Kelly: I can certainly make an attempt at that, and I am sure that Mr Tongue and Mr Eccles will add to it on Friday. I imagine that relates to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy grants round, which was well underway when Mr Thawley became secretary and was completed early this year, and the restructuring of the Indigenous Affairs Group, including the establishment of the regional network.

Senator WONG: And the total cost of the machinery of government change?

Ms Kelly: We will take that on notice. I know we provided some information about that in the past, but we will seek to update that.

Answer:

The direct cost of transferring Indigenous Affairs, Office for Women, and Deregulation functions into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet through the 2013 Machinery of Government was \$3,966,571 (GST excl.).