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Question:

Mr Bradley: We do not necessarily know, because it all comes netted up in the price from the service provider. I think our most expensive store to deliver to is Tjuntjuntjara and I think it is of the order of 37 per cent of the cost of the merchandise is freight in that store. That is the most remote store that we operate, and it is truly very difficult to get to. If you like, I could come back with, at least, what the percentages are of the cost price of the merchandise we pay to get into those stores at the moment. We have also done collaborative contracts with people like the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation, where we can share trucks if we have got communities that are adjacent and so on. I think our focus has more been on how we can negotiate the best deal rather than maybe consider more fundamentally—

Senator SMITH: I am interested in these things because, as we know, they are not isolated from one another. I would be very interested in that data. And particularly in a Western Australian context—just from my selfish Western Australian senator perspective. I am curious, but, in terms of efficiency of your time, do not worry about the Northern Territory and Queensland for me!

Answer:

Table 1 below shows the freight percentage added to the cost price of products.

Store Name	Freight %
Kundat Djaru Community Store	20
Wirrimanu Community Store (Balgo)	13
Mulan Community Store	20
Yiyili Community Store	12
Warmun Roadhouse	7
Wungkul Store	12.5
Illawarra Store	18
Beagle Bay Community Store	12.5
Uraro Store	25
Tjuntjuntjara Community Store	38

Table 1 Western Australian Stores Freight %