

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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### Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Taxi costs – Indigenous Affairs All Agency

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

Responses for the Indigenous Affairs agencies within the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio are provided below:

Portfolio Body	Answer
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. WA \$ 945.94 Top End \$ 578.17 QLD \$ 1,018.13 SEA \$ 175.59 SCA \$ 395.01 National Office \$ 9,807.28 TOTAL: \$12,920.12</li><li>2. Short trips when: company vehicles are unavailable; staff to attend company business / courses / conferences away from workplace.</li></ol>
Anindilyakwa Land Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. \$869.17 (GST Exclusive) spent on taxis for period, of which:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$722.27 spent by Senior Executive Staff (Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager) for travel to/from official business.</li></ul></li></ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$146.90 spent by Land Management staff for travel to/from conference</li> <li>2. Taxi fares incurred for travel between airports, accommodation and business meetings.</li> </ul>
Central Land Council (CLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$3,941.39</li> <li>2. Incidental to approved CLC travel</li> </ul>
Indigenous Business Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$52,234</li> <li>2. Equity &amp; Investments \$10,408</li> <li>Home Ownership \$17,715</li> <li>Business Development and Assistance \$14,303</li> <li>Support Services \$ 9,808</li> </ul>
Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indigenous Land Corporation spent \$22,736.29 (GST exclusive) on taxis from 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014.</li> <li>2. The reasons for taxi costs are in connection with staff travel such as to and from the airport to the office or home, and to attend meetings.</li> </ul>
Northern Land Council	Current information not available.
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	Taxi costs for the period 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 were \$1,878 and used for airport transfers relating to store visits.
Tiwi Land Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$0</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Torres Strait Regional Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Taxi fares cost \$9,178 during the period broken up as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Development Program \$ 513</li> <li>Native Title Office \$1,946</li> <li>Environment Program \$2,423</li> <li>Corporate Services \$2,252</li> <li>Culture, Art &amp; Heritage Program \$ 833</li> <li>Governance &amp; Leadership Program \$ 613</li> <li>Fisheries Program \$ 598</li> <li><b>Total \$9,178</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Taxis are used for travel while staff are away from Thursday Island on Mainland Australia or in communities of the Torres Strait.</li> </ul>
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Nil

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