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In relation to IP Australia: in what states and territories has IP Australia conducted seminars for the small to medium business enterprise sector in 2013, 2014 and planned for 2015? Is IP Australia conducting seminars for the small to medium business enterprise sector in Western Australia? If so, please outline the nature and timing of these seminars and activities.

ANSWER

IP Australia has or is planning to conduct seminars in the small to medium business enterprise sector in the following states and territories:

2013	SA	NSW	VIC	WA	NT	QLD	
2014	SA	NSW	VIC	WA	NT	QLD	ACT
2015	SA	NSW	VIC	WA	NT	QLD	ACT

Seminars have included a variety of Intellectual Property (IP) topics across locations including:

- IP 101;
- World Intellectual Property Organisation/IP Australia ‘Roving Seminar Series’;
- Consultation on proposed legislative changes;
- Workshops tailored for indigenous business; and
- IP Forums.

In relation to Western Australia, seminars have included:

- World Intellectual Property Organisation/IP Australia ‘Roving Seminar Series’ August 2013 Perth, Western Australia;
- IP Laws Amendment Bill consultation with IP Stakeholders August 2013 Perth, Western Australia;
- IP SME Workshop, March 2013, Perth, Western Australia;
- Consultation on Single Economic Market (integrated IP administration with New Zealand) with the Australia Group of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association, June 2014, Perth, Western Australia; and
- IP attorney roundtable discussion, February 2014, Perth, Western Australia.

Seminars planned for WA in 2015 include:

- ‘Protect your creative expression’ indigenous IP workshops:
 - March to May (date TBC) Geraldton, Western Australia;
 - June to August (date TBC) Albany, Western Australia;
 - September to October (date TBC) Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Western Australia; and
 - November to December (date TBC) Perth, Western Australia.
- IP for start-ups workshop (date TBC) Perth, Western Australia.