

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

### Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous

**Topic:** Leaders Forum – 6 July 2015

**Senator:** Smith, Dean

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#### Question:

Senator SMITH: I want to turn to the Leaders' Forum, I think it was called, in Sydney on 6 July. Can you explain to me what the program was for that Leaders' Forum. I am assuming they arrived at a certain time. There would have been a program. It would have finished at a scheduled time. Was there a breakfast meeting? Was there an afternoon or evening event?

Ms Anderson: I am not quite sure of the meeting that you are referring to.

Senator SMITH: It was 6 July 2015, which is the subject of this RECOGNISE media statement.

Ms Anderson: That was the Prime Minister's Kirribilli meeting.

Senator SMITH: That is right. Was it the current or it must have been the former?

Ms Anderson: The former Prime Minister's Kirribilli meeting. I would need to take that one on notice if I can.

Senator SMITH: Again, could you let me know what the program was for the day, if there were pre or afternoon official events and who attended? Of course, some Referendum Council members would reside in Sydney; others would have had to travel to Sydney. If they travelled to Sydney what were the airfares and also where they were accommodated and what the accommodation and hotel expenses were for each of those council members that were accommodated at the hotel. Do you remember what hotel they were accommodated at?

Ms Anderson: The meeting that you are referring to was held before the Referendum Council members were appointed.

Senator SMITH: So the people that attended the Kirribilli event were not necessarily Referendum Council members. Could I have the names of each of the people that participated in the Kirribilli event?

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Senator SMITH: Let us call it the Kirribilli event. Is it accounted for in any of those figures that you have detailed for me already?

Ms Anderson: No, it is not in those figures that I just mentioned to you. The figures that I mentioned to you are part of the \$9.5 million that was allocated to the council.

Senator SMITH: That is right. It was 30 point something million for RECOGNISE Australia. We have got \$9.5 million for the Referendum Council. We have the costs of the Kirribilli event.

Ms Anderson: That is correct. We can get those details for each participant at that particular meeting.

**Answer:**

On 6 July 2015 the then Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Bill Shorten MP, jointly convened a meeting of Indigenous leaders to discuss constitutional recognition. Following the meeting, former Prime Minister Abbott and Mr Shorten agreed to create a Referendum Council, which was appointed on 7 December 2015.

The meeting was held on Monday 6 July 2015 from 9:00am until 1:00pm at the H C Coombs Centre, Kirribilli. An event agenda is provided at [Attachment A](#).

An official reception was held on Sunday 5 July 2015 at Kirribilli House. An event running sheet is provided at [Attachment B](#).

Delegates who attended the Kirribilli meeting were:

Mr Richie Ah Mat	Ms Pat Anderson
Ms Leah Armstrong	Mr Kenny Bedford
Ms Denise Bowden	Professor Ngiare Brown
Mr Samuel Bush-Blanasi	Mr Selwyn Button
Dr Tom Calma	Ms Josephine Cashman
Professor Megan Davis	Professor Patrick Dodson
Ms Shannon Dodson	Mr Shane Duffy
Ms Charlee-Sue Frail	Ms Jill Gallagher
Mr Mick Gooda	Mr Sean Gordon
Ms Tanya Hosch	Professor Marcia Langton
Ms Gail Mabo	Mr Les Malezer
Mr Bruce Martin	Mr Jason Mifsud
Mr Justin Mohamed	Mr Joe Morrison
Mr Warren Mundine	Ms Djapirri Mununggirritj
Mr Maluwap Nona	Ms Kirstie Parker
Mr Noel Pearson	Ms Rachel Perkins
Ms Robynne Quiggin	Mr Aden Ridgeway
Professor Lester Irabinna Rigney	Mr David Ross
Mr Geoff Scott	Ms Pat Turner
Mr Djawa Yunupingu	

While in Sydney, most delegates stayed at the Intercontinental Sydney. Some delegates travelling from remote areas also had accommodation costs during flight transfers.

Those invited but unable to attend were:

Mr Timmy Djawa Burarrwanga	Mr Adrian Carson
Mr Peter Dawson	Professor Mick Dodson
Mr Dennis Eggington	Mr Jason Glanville
Mr Tim Goodwin	Mrs Fiona Hughes
Mr Djambawa Marawilli	Ms Lowitja O'Donoghue
Mr Shane Phillips	Mr Daniel Tucker
Dr Galarrwuy Yunupingu	

## Cost

The total cost of the meeting was \$90,778.79 (GST exclusive), which included the cost of travel, travel allowances, hotel stays, the venue, and other meeting costs. It does not include the cost of the reception at Kirribilli House, which was met by Official Establishments.

A detailed costing for each individual is provided at [Attachment C](#).

<b>Constitutional Recognition Leaders' Summit - 6 July 2015</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Flights	\$41,407.50
Travel Allowance	\$9,504.65
Accommodation	\$22,061.00
Parking	\$276.24
Venue Hire & Catering	\$9,153.00
Welcome to Country	\$700.00
Other Costs	\$2,125.77
Transport	\$2,960.00
Taxi	\$2,590.63
	<b>\$90,778.79</b>

## ATTACHMENT A



# Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Referendum Meeting 6 July 2015

## Meeting Agenda

Venue: HC Coombs Centre for Financial Studies, Kirribilli, Sydney

Time	Agenda Item	Aim	Discussion Leader
9:00 am	Opening of meeting	Introduce the day and overview of the agenda	Prime Minister
9:10 am	Welcome to Country		Aunty Norma Ingram
9:15 am	Context setting	Demonstrate strong bipartisan commitment. Define purpose of the meeting and frame discussion.	Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition
9:35 am	<u>FIRST SESSION:</u> Brief overview of JSC Report	Outline Joint Select Committee consultations, findings and recommendations.	Mr Ken Wyatt AM MP and Senator Nova Peris OAM
9:45am	<u>SECOND SESSION:</u> Presentation from Indigenous leaders	Opportunity for Indigenous leaders to provide views on progress with constitutional recognition to date and initial responses to the Joint Select Committee report.	Indigenous participants
10:45 am	Morning Tea Break		
11:00 am	<u>Second Session Resumes</u>		Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition
12:00 pm	<u>THIRD SESSION:</u> Discussion on hallmarks of a successful process	To discuss: - a valid process to settle the model; - consultation and governance; and awareness raising.	Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition
12:45 pm	<u>Concluding Comments</u>	Agreement on outcomes of meeting and commitment to next steps.	Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition
1:00 pm	Close and Lunch		

## ATTACHMENT B



**Order of Arrangements  
Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Reception  
Kirribilli House, Sydney  
Sunday 5 July 2015  
5.00pm – 7.00pm**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Guests to assemble at the Intercontinental Sydney and travel to Kirribilli House
5:00 pm	Guests arrive at Kirribilli House and proceed through security
5:05 pm	The Prime Minister is on hand in the living room to receive guests
5:20 pm	The Prime Minister to mingle with guests in the living room; drinks and canapés are served
5:40 pm	Formalities commence Parliamentary Secretary the Hon Alan Tudge (MC) to welcome guests and introduce Aunty Millie Ingram to deliver the Welcome to Country
5:45 pm	Aunty Millie Ingram to deliver Welcome to Country
6:00 pm	MC to introduce the Prime Minister
6:05 pm	Prime Minister makes remarks
6:10 pm	The Leader of the Opposition makes remarks
6.15 pm	MC closes the formalities The Prime Minister to mingle with guests
7:00 pm	Event concludes; guests depart from Kirribilli House and travel to the Intercontinental Sydney

## ATTACHMENT C

Delegates					
#	Name	Flight costs	T/A	Accommodation	Parking
1	Aden Ridgeway	\$ -	\$ -		
2	Bruce Martin	\$ 2,492.55	\$ 493.00	\$ 780.00	
3	Charlee-Sue Frail	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	
4	David Ross	\$ 2,477.77	\$ -	\$ 520.00	
5	Dennis Eggington*	\$ 12.65	\$ 301.00		
6	Djapirri Mununggirritj	\$ 2,851.25	\$ 502.60	\$ 1,040.00	
7	Djawa Yunupingu	\$ 3,436.54	\$ 205.00	\$ 459.00	
8	Djambawa Marawili^	\$ 39.05	\$ 600.00		
9	Fiona Hughes*	\$ 514.31	\$ 505.00		
10	Gail Mabo	\$ 2,985.43	\$ 452.00	\$ 926.00	
11	Geoff Scott	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 46.04
12	Jason Mifsud	\$ 1,010.88	\$ 493.00	\$ 1,040.00	
13	Justin Mohammed**	\$ -	\$ 123.00		
14	Jill Gallagher	\$ 1,467.37	\$ 452.00	\$ 520.00	
15	Joe Morrison	\$ 1,845.89	\$ 138.00	\$ 780.00	
16	Josephine Cashman	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520.00	
17	Kenny Bedford	\$ 2,645.54	\$ 655.00	\$ 1,278.00	
18	Kirstie Parker	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 46.04
19	Leah Armstrong	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 46.04
20	Les Malezer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	
21	Maluwap (Benjamin) Nona	\$ 3,450.27	\$ 424.00	\$ 938.00	
22	Marcia Langton	\$ 726.71	\$ 315.00	\$ 260.00	
23	Megan Davis	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 46.04
24	Mick Gooda	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 780.00	
25	Ngiare Brown	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 46.04
26	Noel Pearson	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520.00	
27	Pat Anderson	\$ 732.64	\$ 233.00	\$ 520.00	
28	Pat Turner	\$ 1,373.55	\$ 424.00	\$ 780.00	
29	Patrick Dodson	\$ 3,826.31	\$ 861.00	\$ 1,040.00	
30	Rachel Perkins	\$ -	\$ -		
31	Richie Ah Mat	\$ 1,696.28	\$ 438.00	\$ 780.00	
32	Robynne Quiggin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520.00	
33	Samuel Bush-Blanasi	\$ 3,182.97	\$ 205.00	\$ 260.00	
34	Sean Gordon	\$ -	\$ -		
35	Selwyn Button	\$ 892.55	\$ 355.00	\$ 520.00	
36	Shane Duffy	\$ 816.43	\$ 384.00	\$ 780.00	
37	Shannon Dodson	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 46.04
38	Tanya Hosch	\$ 1,834.45	\$ 383.00		
39	Timmy Djawa Burarrwanga*	\$ 12.65	\$ -		
40	Tom Calma	\$ 977.06	\$ 178.00		
41	Warren Mundine	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 260.00	
42	Lester Rigney	\$ 106.40	\$ 165.05	\$ 780.00	
	Additional Room Hire			\$ 3,380.00	
		<b>\$ 41,407.50</b>	<b>\$ 9,504.65</b>	<b>\$ 22,061.00</b>	<b>\$ 276.24</b>

\* Did not attend the meeting, however some costs for travel incurred.

\*\* Mr Mohamed indicated he would be travelling by car and was advised of the claim for expenses process.

^ Mr Marawilli did not attend the Con Rec meeting, TA to be recoved through IAC

Ms Bowden attended on behalf of Mr Yunupingu. Her costs were not paid by the Department.