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Question:

- Has any funding been provided to the National Congress of Australia's First People?
- How much?
- Over what period?
- For what purposes?
- How much of this is base funding versus fee for service?

Answer:

Yes. Congress was provided with an initial grant in 2009-2010, of \$29.3 million. The Commonwealth Government extended Congress' funding agreement in 2014 to 30 June 2017 to enable it to use its cash reserves at the time to work towards greater self-sustainability.

Funding of \$540,000 in 2016-17 has been provided to National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, which includes \$300,000 to support five workshops on the Redfern Statement, and \$240,000 to undertake business planning which will support Congress to move towards a self-sustaining model, independent of Government.

Additional funding of \$2.46 million has been approved for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples from 2016 to 2019 to undertake a number of national projects with the Australian Government on a fee for service basis. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is currently working with Congress to finalise the details and timeframes of these projects.