

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Departmental changes

Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

What are the costs of incorporating the indigenous affairs portfolio into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? Could you detail all costs associated with the transfer?

Answer:

Refer to QoN 118 for information on the costs to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) associated with the Machinery of Government changes outlined in the Administrative Arrangements Order of 18 September.

PM&C does not record information on these costs in a way that would readily allow detailed information on the Indigenous Affairs Machinery of Government changes to be provided. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.