

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question: What is the budget of the Council? Could you detail all costs associated with the establishment of the Council as well as its ongoing activities, including staff remuneration and travel budget? Who and where within government is responsible for the travel expenses of Department Secretaries and officials who travel with the Council?

Answer:

Through the election commitment process the Government committed \$1.0 million to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet over four years from 2013-14, to establish and support the operation of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council (the Council).

The Department is responsible for the expenses of Council members and staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Any costs for staff from other departments will be met by the relevant department.