

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 18-22 November 2013

### Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Indigenous Employment

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

What is the total cost of establishment and running costs of the Forrest Review to date, including staff from secretariat, remuneration for review members and travel costs?

**Answer:**

- Professor Marcia Langton has been commissioned as an expert advisor to the Review. Professor Langton is paid consultant's fees at a rate of \$1,500 per day (GST inclusive).
- The Review is supported by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Review team currently consists of 10 departmental officials all of whom are permanent APS employees.
- Running costs to date are as follows:

Item	Amount (\$)
Accommodation	15,729.95
Airfares	39,422.01
Travelling Allowance	911.08
Meals	1,325.56
Taxi/Hire Cars	4,781.18
Communications	17,949.60
Venue hire and catering	42,182.55
Total	122,301.93

Please note that:

- The costs above include those incurred by the Review team members and advisors, and the Chair of the Review.

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- The trips include national public consultations, site visits and stakeholder meetings undertaken for the Review.
- Costs associated with use of special purpose aircraft are reported separately by the Department of Defence on a six monthly basis.
- Reconciliations are still to be finalised in some circumstances and the above figures are based on the available costs incurred and invoices received to date.
- 'Communications' includes costs associated with advertising consultation sessions, Aboriginal language interpreters and the delivery of Welcome to Country introductions in each consultation location.