

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – All Agencies

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

**Topic:** Electricity purchasing

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?

b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer:** Indigenous Portfolio body responses are provided below:

Portfolio Body	Answer
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	a) AHL pays the standard electricity tariffs levied on 52 hostels by each provider in the respective State or Territory in which they are located. In 27 of the 52 hostels where solar panels have been installed, AHL pays the relevant tariff levied on that hostel by that provider. b) Total electricity costs for AHL between 7/9/13 – 9/12/13 is \$314,840.01.
Anindilyakwa Land Council	a) Groote Eylandt Mining Company Limited provide electricity to the mining township of Alyangula (sole provider). Electricity is charged to occupants on a quarterly basis. b) Electricity costs of \$9,592.64 (GST Exclusive) incurred for period 7 September 2013 to 22 November 2013.
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	a) AIATSIS is under the Department of Defence whole-of-government contract with ERM. This contract is due to expire 30 June 2015 b) \$39,599.53
Central Land Council	a) Power & Water NT supplier b) \$25,265

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Indigenous Business Australia	<p>a) IBA is located in 17 locations around Australia and receives electricity from the following: Actew AGL Retail Origin Energy Electricity Ltd Ergon Energy AGL Sales Pty Ltd.</p> <p>b) IBA's total spend on electricity from 7 September to 9 December 2013 was \$64,048.85 (excluding GST).</p>
Indigenous Land Corporation	<p>a) The ILC has standard electricity purchasing arrangements with the following providers: ACTEW AGL, AGL South Australia, Ergon Energy, Country Energy, Origin, Power &amp; Water</p> <p>b) The ILC's electricity costs from 7 September to 30 November were \$20,724. The ILC also incurs electricity costs for properties that it owns pending grant to an Indigenous Organisations. Total electricity costs for these properties for the same period was \$43,932.</p>
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<p>a) Standard business rate through PowerWater.</p> <p>b) \$16,000</p>
Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)	<p>a) Ergon Energy is the sole electricity supplier in the Torres Strait and supplies TSRA</p> <p>b) Electricity costs for the period totalled \$35,081.</p>
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<p>(a) Electricity is purchased from two different sources i. Booderee National Park (Contract Services) ii. Dept. of Regional Australia.</p> <p>(b) Costs:- 7/9/13 – 11/12/13 = \$4697.39</p>