

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 45

**Topic:** Aboriginal Land Rights Act

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Scullion** asked:

In today's terms how much has been paid under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act in royalty equivalents since the creation of the Act in 1976? Please break this down in payments by:- 64 (1), 64 (3) and 64 (4) payments

**Answer:**

The table below shows payments debited from the Aboriginals Benefit Account since its continuation in the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to 31 March 2013 under sections 64 (1), 64 (3) and 64 (4). Amounts are provided in historical data as FaHCSIA does not collect or maintain historical funding data in current dollar values.<sup>1</sup>

<b>s.64(1)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>s.63(3)</b>	<b>s.64(4)</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$604,340,089	\$521,700,955	\$337,904,461	\$1,463,945,505

1: Figures are from a number of historical sources: For years 1978/79-1989/90 sourced from '*The Review of Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 – Report*'. J Reeves, 1998; figures for years 1990/91-2005/06 sourced from Aboriginals Benefit Account Annual Reports; and figures for years 2006/07-2011/12 sourced from FaHCSIA Annual Reports. 2: Includes Section 64(7) and 64(8) payments from 1978/79-2007/08.