

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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**Topic:** Indigenous Tourism  
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**Senator Eggleston asked:**

Senator EGGLESTON—I would like to ask you about policy initiatives to support Indigenous tourism and engagement with relevant partners to support Indigenous tourism development in selected regions. Again, can the department table a list of what policy initiatives have been developed to support Indigenous tourism development?

Mr Pierce—We can certainly take that on notice.

**Answer:**

This Government is committed to supporting Indigenous tourism. The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism is working closely with other departments as part of the whole-of-Government 'closing the gap' initiative. Many Indigenous funding programs include tourism.

Indigenous tourism related activities are driven by the Indigenous Tourism Working Group, as part of the implementation of the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy. In addition, the Australian Government has provided \$3.2m in funding for Indigenous tourism initiatives including:

- Development of the National Landscapes Program
- two TQUAL Grants projects;
- production of the National Indigenous Tourism Product Manual;
- development of the Indigenous web portal (part of [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com));
- increased promotion of Indigenous festivals on Tourism Australia's website;
- developing Indigenous training modules for the Aussie Specialist Program;
- continued participation in the European and North American tourism roadshows (including G'Day USA); and
- development of a Reconciliation plan, including and Indigenous Employment Strategy.