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Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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Expenditure on smoking ceremonies during the 2024–25 and 2025–26 financial years

2024-25 Expenditure on Welcome to Country and smoking ceremonies

Note that these amounts are GST exclusive, as GST may not necessarily apply to all transactions.

Division	Month (of event or invoice)	Description	Cost (GST Excl.)
People Culture and Change	Jul 2024	Welcome to Country Speaker for the Department's annual 'All Staff Meeting'	800.00
Communications Services and Consumer	Jul 2024	Welcome to Country ceremony to open the 4th Meeting of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Preparatory Group for the 2024 ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly	500.00
Regional Development and Local Government	Jul 2024	Welcome to Country at Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) dinner and forum	1,400.00
People Culture and Change	Jul 2024	Welcome to Country at NAIDOC Week Keynote Event	800.00

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Division	Month (of event or invoice)	Description	Cost (GST Excl.)
Office of Northern Australia	Sep 2024	Welcome to Country for the Northern Australia Ministerial forum	625.00
People Culture and Change	Sep 2024	Welcome to Country - 2023-24 Indigenous Apprenticeship Program (IAP) Completion Ceremony	800.00
First Nations Partnership	Sep 2024	Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony for Our Stories on Country launch	2,300.00
Office of Northern Australia	Sep 2024	Smoking Ceremony for the Northern Australia Ministerial forum	500.00
Office of Northern Australia	Sep 2024	Welcome to Country for the Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) meeting	700.00
Office of Northern Australia	Nov 2024	Welcome to Country for the Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) meeting	1,000.00
Office for The Arts	Dec 2024	Welcome to Country and smoking Ceremonies for repatriated remains of ancestors	3,600.00
Office of Northern Australia	Dec 2024	Welcome to Country for Minister King's annual statement to Parliament	1,500.00
Communications Media group	Dec 2024	Welcome to Country ceremony for First Nations Digital Inclusion Roadmap Launch (FNDIAG) roadmap launch	458.18
Office for The Arts	Apr 2025	First Nations Welcome and Cultural Ceremony for Repatriation of ancestors	2,550.00
Office for The Arts	May 2025	Larrakia Welcome to Country Darwin Repatriation of Ancestors meeting	650.00
Office for The Arts	Jun 2025	Welcome to Country	730.00
First Nations Partnership	Jun 2025	Welcome to Country for First Nations Network Gathering	1,000.00
2024-25 Total			\$19,913.18

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2025-26 Expenditure on Welcome to Country and smoking ceremonies

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Office for The Arts	Aug 2025	Welcome to Country for the Artbank 45 th year celebrations	1,520.00
People Culture and Change	Aug 2025	Welcome to Country for NAIDOC event in the Hobart Office	1,000.00
Communications Infrastructure	Oct 2025	Welcome to Country First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group meeting	700.00
People Culture and Change	Nov 2025	2025-26 IAP Induction Welcome to Country	450.00
Office of Northern Australia	Dec 2025	Welcome to Country for the Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) meeting	800.00
Office of Northern Australia	May 2026	Welcome to Country at Northern Australia Ministerial Forum	650.00
Regional Development and Local Government	June 2026	National Awards for Local Government	1,000.00
First Nations Partnership	June 2026	Ngunnawal Traditional Rite of Passage ceremony	450.00
2025-26 YTD Total			\$6,570.00

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