

41 DELEGATES AT \$6000

CANBERRA. — Delegates elected to the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee will be paid \$6000 a year.

Federal Cabinet last night gave final approval to the setting-up of the 41-member committee, to be elected on November 24.

Metropolitan delegates will get a \$2000 expense allowance and country delegates will get \$3000.

The allowance will be reviewed after six months and then at the end of each period for

which delegates are elected.

The Aboriginal Affairs Minister (Senator Cavanagh) announced the Cabinet's decision last night.

Cabinet also agreed to provide a further \$500,000 making a total of \$1,114,000 in 1973-74 to cover the cost of setting up the committee.

It is expected that the

committee will meet two or three times a year.

Senator Cavanagh said the Government considered the committee would provide a forum for the expression of aboriginal opinion on all matters and a channel through which the Government might get advice on the direction in which the aboriginal people wished to move.