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Senator Scullion asked:

Prior to Mr Gemmell's second six-month appointment, what advice, if any, did the Department provide in terms of the circumstances of Mr Gemmell prior to that? Were they aware, for example, that he was not going to take a break. He was, in fact, still working effectively for the ILC when he said he had resigned. Was Cabinet aware of those matters when they provided the second appointment?

Answer:

The Chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) Board, Dr Dawn Casey, advised the Minister that Mr Gemmell would leave the ILC on 20 January 2013. Dr Casey envisaged that Mr Gemmell would commence again on 4 February 2013 for six months or until a substantive CEO was appointed, whichever was the sooner.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister was advised that as the recruitment process would not be finalised prior to the expiry of his term, Mr Gemmell was recommended to be appointed to a second six month term to ensure stability and continuity for the ILC.