

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 161

**Topic:** Indigenous Land Corporation

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**Senator Scullion** asked:

When it sought legal advice about the reappointment of Mr Gemmell, did the Department have an understanding of the circumstances of Mr Gemmell and his activities during this period of taking a break? Was it aware that that would be the case, or was it the Department's understanding that he would be on leave, as in the normal notion of leave - that he would not be attending work or any activities around work - when the Department asked for that legal advice?

**Answer:**

The Department was aware that the recruitment and Cabinet approval processes were unlikely to be completed in time for a new CEO to commence in February 2013, and that Mr Gemmell would leave the Indigenous Land Corporation by 7 February 2013.