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Ms Lyn Beverley
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
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Dear Ms Beverley

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – FRIDAY 30 MAY 2014

I am writing to clarify aspects of the evidence I provided during the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee's examination of agencies, Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matter hearing on Friday, 30 May 2014.

During the hearing Senator Xenophon, in relation to the Adnyamathanha Traditional Land Association (Aboriginal Corporation) asked the following question *'How was that investigation conducted'*

I provided the following answer: *'In that particular case, my office conducted an assessment of the complaints and the matters that were raised. We determined that the best way to approach that was to appoint an independent examiner. That is a person who has the powers of my office to go in and review all of the books and records of the corporation, and look at its governance standards and its financial position, but also to look at complaints that may be in existence in relation to the corporation. So an independent examination occurred. That examination revealed some procedural and process issues at the corporation where it was not meeting the requirements of its constitution. In that particular case a compliance notice was issued by my office.'*

I wish to correct my evidence in the last sentence of my answer. Following the examination a management letter was issued by my office, rather than a compliance notice.

Please accept that there was no intention to mislead the committee.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Beven
Registrar of Indigenous Corporations