

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

**Outcome/Program:** Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

**Topic:** Accuracy of Public Register

**Senator:** Senator Cory Bernardi

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**Question:**

Why is it important to ensure the public Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations remains accurate?

**Answer:**

Under section 418-1(a) of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act) 2006* (CATSI Act) the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (the Registrar) is required to maintain a Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations (public register).

High reporting compliance ensures that documents and information on the public register remains up-to-date and accurate. This means that members, communities, creditors and government agencies have greater confidence in information and the use of information held on the public register.