Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Chair and Board Conduct

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Senator Scullion asked:

I refer to Mr Morony's letter of 17 March 2010 to the Chairperson and Board of Directors of Indigenous Business Australia. The following question relates to the attachment to the letter: Paragraph 4. Is it true that in September 2009 the WA Director General of Indigenous Affairs wrote to the IBA Chairperson inviting her to visit WA, and despite Mr Morony sending her a note asking what she wanted to do so a reply could be sent to the Director General, the Chairperson did not respond to Mr Morony and as a consequence no reply had been sent to the Director General as at 10 March 2010? When was the reply, if ever, sent?

Answer:

The Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Chair and the Western Australian Director-General of Indigenous Affairs exchanged correspondence and spoke on the phone throughout this period, and at no time was concern expressed at the timing of a visit to Western Australia.