

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 201

Topic: Outback Stores

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Senator Scullion asked:

Can you explain why Outback Stores Ownership was transferred from the Indigenous Business Council to FaHCSIA?

Answer:

Outback Stores Pty Ltd transferred from Indigenous Business Australia to the Commonwealth in March 2010 so that the benefits of the Outback Stores model could be made available to address food security needs in non-viable community stores. Locating Outback Stores as a separate body within the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio has created a better alignment between Outback Stores and the Government's social policy and food security objectives.