

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 150

Topic: Northern Land Council

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Senator Scullion asked:

What would be proposed in the event of a 21C of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act?

Answer:

In accordance with section 21C(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* ('the Act'), the Minister would request the Australian Electoral Commission to hold a vote on the proposed establishment of the new Land Council. Before proceeding to a vote, the Minister must be satisfied, pursuant to section 21B(2) of the Act, that the qualifying area is an appropriate area for the establishment of a new Land Council and that the proposed new Land Council would be able to satisfactorily perform the functions of a Land Council.