

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 437

**Topic:** Larrakia Development Corp

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**Senator Scullion** asked:

An article in the NT News on 24 October 2012, referred to the minister calling for an investigation of issues surrounding the NLC and the Larrakia Development Corporation. Will the investigation be conducted by the Department or by the Northern Land Council? What are the terms of reference? When is the investigation expected to be finalised? Can I be provided with a copy of the report when it is finalised?

**Answer:**

An independent review of the NLC governance framework has been contracted directly by NLC with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. The objectives of this review are to:

1. Conduct an independent review into certain concerns raised in respect to the NLC.
2. Examine the current governance framework in the context of how the NLC management team functions with members of the NLC Executive Council and provide comment on how this compares to an agreed better practice model.
3. If required, and in consultation with NLC, provide commentary on the extent to which the current governance framework is currently functioning when compared to the guidance that is currently in place.

The final report is expected by early 2013. Further questions on this process should be referred to NLC directly.