

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Program:** Director of National Parks  
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**Senator Siewert asked:**

Was there a 15-year period during which Parks simply did not know who was responsible for this area? Are you confident that you know who currently has responsibility for the area?

**Answer:**

No. The Buffalo Farm was established by the Gagadju Association in the early 1990's. The Northern Land Council became the approved and ongoing operator on behalf of Traditional Owners for the Buffalo Farm in 1999 via an exchange of correspondence with the then Director of National Parks.