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Senator Siewert asked:

In a television news piece broadcast on 22 December 2016 the ABC stated that, “Mr Cotsell [the manager of Kakadu National Park] says Parks had received complaints about the management of the site [the Buffalo Farm], but had no reason to investigate further.” Can you please provide us with details of these complaints?

Answer:

Mr Cotsell received informal verbal complaints in relation to access by Traditional Owners to the Buffalo Farm. During these conversations Mr Cotsell requested the complainants to formally lodge their allegations and evidence so, if appropriate, an investigation could commence. Mr Cotsell committed to following up any allegations. No formal allegations have been received. Mr David Lindner, the manager of the farm, advised that access to the farm has not been restricted.