

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**AGENCY:** NORTHERN AUSTRALIA INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY

**TOPIC:** Indigenous Engagement Criteria

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Waters

**QUESTION No.:** AI-77

1. Has there been any consultation with Indigenous people regarding the current projects under consideration by NAIF?
2. Has the NAIF Board developed a policy to assess whether projects meet the meet the mandatory obligation to provide an Indigenous engagement strategy which: ... sets out objectives for Indigenous participation procurement and employment that reflect the Indigenous population in the region of the proposed Project?
3. Is such a policy being developed?
4. Did the NAIF Board consult with Indigenous people in formulating the policy?
5. Who was consulted?

**ANSWER**

1. NAIF requires potential project proponents to engage with Indigenous people in relation to their potential project. In assessing the proponent's Indigenous Engagement Strategy NAIF may as appropriate consult with Indigenous people.
2. The NAIF has a well-developed draft policy to inform decision-making processes in relation to the NAIF's Mandatory Criterion regarding an Indigenous Engagement Strategy.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
5. The NAIF, with the support of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science consulted Indigenous stakeholders in the development of the draft policy including Indigenous community networks, alliances and councils as well as other Government stakeholders.