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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Mr Roche: The office—we have played a role. The Munupi negotiations have been lengthy. Stretching back from memory to 2009—I could be corrected on that—but certainly some years. We have attended at Pirlangimpi on a number of occasions over the years to provide information on township leasing but it has always been at their request.

Senator McLUCAS: Could you perhaps give us a list of that dates of those meetings that the office has attended at Pirlangimpi? That would be helpful.

Mr Roche: If I could take that on notice, Senator

Answer:

Staff from the Office of Township Leasing (OTL) have, at the request of the Munupi Traditional Owners, accompanied officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to Pirlangimpi and other destinations on the Tiwi Islands to provide information as requested on the township leasing model. Please see the table below for further details.

Prior to 2013 OTL staff accompanied officials from the then Department of Families and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on three visits in December 2010.

| Dates | Meeting Purpose |
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| 19 February 2013 | Munupi community meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 14 March 2014 | Signing of the Statement of Commitment with Munupi Traditional Owners |
| 4 June 2014 | Presentation of township lease proposal to Munupi Traditional Owners |
| 24 June 2014 | Munupi Directors Meeting in Darwin |
| 7 July 2014 | Munupi Directors Meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 28 August 2014 | Munupi community meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 27 October 2014 | Munupi community meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 3 November 2014 | Munupi Directors meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 27 November 2014 | Munupi community meeting in Wurrumiyanga |
| 9 December 2014 | Munupi community meeting in Milikapiti |
| 5 May 2015 | Munupi Directors meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 28 May 2015 | Munupi Directors Meeting in Pirlangimpi |
| 2 June 2015 | Munupi Directors Meeting in Pirlangimpi |

