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Senator: Senator Nova Peris

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Question:

Senator PERIS: Regarding the meetings or consultations that the Tiwi Land Council have with the traditional owners, is it a requirement of the land councils to provide a full transcript of the meetings that take place when they are consulting with traditional owners?

Senator Scullion: I would have to take that on notice. Perhaps that is a matter for the Tiwi Land Council. Regarding full transcripts of all consultation that takes place, no doubt I would have struck that in the past. Certainly anybody else on the panel can help me, but I certainly have not seen that. I suspect I would have been aware if there was a requirement that all transcripts of all consultations were made and kept. I suspect that is not the case, but we will take that on notice.

Answer:

There are no provisions under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* that require full transcripts of meetings to be provided by land councils when consulting with traditional Aboriginal owners.