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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Senator: Wong

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Question:

With reference to advice on the Australian Electoral Commission's Associated Entity Disclosure Return that "The AEC contacts donors to ensure they are aware of their disclosure obligations":

1. Has the Australian Electoral Commission contacted Darwin's Korminda College, an organisation declared as making a payment of \$33,000 to Foundation 51, an associated entity of the Country Liberal Party, on the associated entity's 2013-14 annual disclosure return.
2. Is the Australian Electoral Commission aware of a report broadcast by ABC Darwin on 2 February 2015 in which the school's chairman is reported to say: "The board commissioned some research, the research commissioned to do that was Crosby Textor, who did the work. I was not aware of any links between Foundation 51 and Crosby Textor."
3. How has the Australian Electoral Commissioner satisfied himself that the annual disclosure return for 2013-14 lodged by Foundation 51 is accurate.

Answer:

1. The Australian Electoral Commission has not contacted Korminda College.
2. Yes.
3. The Australian Electoral Commission conducted a compliance review of the 2013-14 annual disclosure return. Based on the records examined, Foundation 51 accurately disclosed the information required to be disclosed by an associated entity.