Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation CommitteeANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Nick Xenophon **Question reference number:** 153

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Question:

Is the portfolio aware of the situation caused by the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) forcing co-operatives to demutualise to be able to apply for funding?

Answer:

No. Co-operatives do not need to demutualise in order to apply for funding under the IAS.