

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Senator Nick Xenophon

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Question:

What will the portfolio do to investigate and report on the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Coops peculiar situation?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, through its Regional Network, works closely with organisations required to transfer incorporation to Commonwealth legislation under the Strengthening Organisational Governance policy, and provides advice to those organisations in response to identified issues.

The Department also works closely with Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC), and will consult with ORIC on issues raised by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cooperatives in relation to the Strengthening Organisational Governance incorporation requirements.