

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous  
**Topic:** Northern Australian White Paper

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Did the Minister have input into the Northern Australian White Paper?

- a. What was the Minister's level of responsibility or involvement in the White Paper insofar as it involved a section on Indigenous land administration?
- b. Did the Minister approve the content of that section?

**Answer:**

A cross-agency taskforce in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet prepared the White Paper, which was endorsed by the Government. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs was involved in the development and approval of the White Paper.