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Question:

Mr Dillon: The ILC board is statutorily independent. However, it is standard practice for public sector corporations—and the ILC is no exception—to take specific cognisance of government policies and to build that into their policy settings. From time to time, governments provide statements of expectation to statutory corporations and other public sector bodies.

Senator McLUCAS: Has the ILC received that sort of advice recently?

Mr Dillon: We have in the past but not recently.

Senator McLUCAS: The most recent time would have been when?

Mr Dillon: I cannot recall, but I think it would have been sometime around 2012. I would have to check that, I am sorry.

Answer:

The ILC last received a Statement of Expectation from the former Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, on 5 June 2013.