

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet/Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous

**Topic:** 156: Disclosure of emails

**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

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**Question:**

1. In March this year it was reported Minister Scullion asked the PM's department to look into Mr Beven's relationship with the Chief Executive of a wealthy indigenous corporation following the disclosure of embarrassing emails – the emails indicated a compromised relationship. Did that investigation go ahead?
2. If yes, what is the status of that investigation?

**Answer:**

The question was answered at Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016–17 on Friday, 21 October 2016. Refer Hansard p. 58: 'The matter has been resolved and closed, and there were no adverse findings'. (FPA Legislation Committee, Friday, 21 October 2016 p. 58).