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**Question No. SBE14/030**

**Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:**

Senator XENOPHON: Is it the practice of your office to give an agency a hurry along if it seems to be an undue amount of time? I am not staying there has been in this case but is there some mechanism to ensure that they do get back to you in a timely manner?

Mr Cornall: I do not know that there is an established mechanism. I think there should be. What we are doing at the moment is to bring everything up to date and to keep it there.

Senator XENOPHON: On notice, could you please advise what the mechanism will be and if one has been implemented or is in the process of being implemented. That would be very useful.

Further to that, does the commissioner have any oversight of the AFP's internal investigations of this matter now that the matter has been handed back?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Taken from page 86 of the 20 November 2014 Hansard:

**Mr Sellars:** That would be a matter of comment and not something I am not able to speak to! On this particular matter, the Integrity Commissioner, Mr Moss, requested the AFP to provide progress reports during their investigation. We have received two such reports and we are expecting the final report – the section 66 report – within the next few days. As to your question about whether we have an established mechanism, we have recently appointed a new position within ACLEI known as the workflow manager. One of the roles of the workflow manager is to keep tabs on all matters that have been sent back to agencies to ensure they have been dealt with in a timely way and that the Integrity Commissioner us kept informed at relevant milestones.