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Question

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Ms Wall—The Tiwi Islands certainly have been used in discussions. Senator SCULLION—Often when you see something yourself that is working, there is a high level of confidence, particularly if they are countrymen. You know that they have gone through the same sorts of challenges and the same sort of concerns you have had. Do you take some of the leaders to the Tiwilslands to have a look at the college and see how that is going as part of the process? Ms Wall—I have not been involved in those consultations myself. I know that the Tiwilsland facility has been raised by us, in terms of a model, and also by the

communities with whom we are consulting. I am not sure about taking people to have a look at that. I would have to check if that has happened.

Senator SCULLION—If you can take that on notice, that would be useful.

Answer

During the consultations conducted for the Wadeye Feasibility Study, Wadeye Community representatives asked to see examples of other facilities to assist them in deciding on which model would suit their Community best. TiwiCollege was one of the facilities visited.