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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Minister Cormann, I am just checking firstly on a piece of correspondence that I put to you on 30 January this year relating to the Mangles Bay marina project at Cape Peron in WA. Is that familiar to you?

Senator Cormann: I am aware of the issue in general terms, but obviously I do not have a copy of the letter in front of me. This is in relation to some Commonwealth land that was sold many decades ago?

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, in the sixties. I am trying to get confirmation—you might have to pass this back to your office and take it on notice—as to whether I have received that reply. I sent a letter to Minister Hunt, in a similar form, on the same day. I have got a reply from him, which I am going to put to you in a moment.

Senator Cormann: You are saying you have not received a reply from me?

Senator LUDLAM: I do not believe I have. As a courtesy, I am asking you rather than tell you.

Senator Cormann: I will check. I have certainly seen something go past my desk. I certainly remember some advice. I will check that.

Answer:

The Minister for Finance signed a letter replying to Senator Ludlam on this issue on 26 February 2014.