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Topic: Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

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Senator Scullion asked:

As of February 18, 2011, there were 557 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations in breach of their ORIC reporting requirements. How many of these corporations have failed to ever lodge an annual report since they were formed?

Answer:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) were required to lodge reports for the 2009-10 year with the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (Registrar) by 31 December 2010. Reports for each corporation will vary depending on their income and size.

As at 17 March 2011, 432 corporations were in breach of the 2009-10 reporting requirements.

Thirty-one of the 557 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations that failed to lodge their 2009-10 reports have not lodged reports since they were incorporated. Twenty of these corporations are reporting for the first time in the 2009-10 year.

The Registrar conducts a compliance program each year and if a corporation has not lodged any reports for five consecutive years administrative proceedings are commenced to deregister the corporation. As a result no registered corporation has failed to lodge reports with the Registrar for more than 5 years.