

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

The Minister told the committee during Budget Estimates that he was not aware of a letter from Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) sent to his office detailing the changes to the Corporate and Community Partnerships Program (CCPP) (p.33 of the transcript).

- a. On what date did the Minister become aware that AHL was intending to cease the CCPP?
- b. Did the Minister respond to AHL? What was the method of response – a meeting, phone call or in writing? On what date did the Minister respond to AHL? Has the Minister discussed the cessation of the CCPP with the full board of AHL? If so, on what date did this take place?

**Answer:**

The changes to CCPP were referred to in a letter from AHL to the Minister dated 13 March 2014. The Minister subsequently wrote back to AHL on 29 May 2014.

The Minister has met with the Chief Executive Officer and Chair on this issue. The Minister has not discussed the issues with the full board of AHL.