

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: Siewert

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Question:

Given the Chair's statement in an early 2014 interview to the effect: 'I have seen and witnessed the slippery slope for the economic advancement for Aboriginal people getting steeper and steeper and they are going quicker and quicker to the bottom.' Who has taken responsibility for the lack of performance?

Answer:

Indigenous economic advancement is a complex and challenging issue and no single agency or person is solely responsible for the entrenched social and economic disadvantage facing many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

Responsibilities of the IBA Directors and CEO are outlined in the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*, sections 156 and 168 respectively.

Significant improvements to our programs have been a focus of IBA's work over the past two years. This will be maintained so that real outcomes for Indigenous Australians continue to be delivered through our programs.