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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Audits and Reports of NLC

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Senator Scullion asked:

Please provide a copy of the Deloitte report into the Larrakia Development Corporation.

In addition to the report into the LDC, has a second independent report been commissioned by the Northern Land Council recently?

Answer:

In relation to the first question, at Senate Estimates on 15 February 2013 the following response was provided by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (p 57 Hansard):

The third question has to do with the Larrakia Development Corporation. The question was: 'Does the Deloitte review of the NLC include the Larrakia Development Corporation?' The answer to that is that it is an NLC review. We understand it to be focusing on the governance and the operations of the NLC but it will certainly at least touch on and deal with issues to deal with the Larrakia Development Corporation. You asked if the report is finished. The answer is no; it is still being conducted. You asked if a copy would be available for the committee. It is an NLC review, but we certainly expect the findings of that review to be available to the committee and probably publicly. Exactly what is provided will depend a little bit on whether there is personal information and so on in the report. We will deal with that when we get closer.

The Northern Land Council (NLC) concurs with the department's response.

In relation to the second question, the Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu review is broad ranging, with a view to ensuring the highest standards of corporate governance, transparency and accountability. It includes consideration of matters such as governance and structure, as well as any specific concerns or matters which may be raised. The review is not limited to the Larrakia Development Corporation.

The NLC has not commissioned any independent or external review of its operations other than that by Deloitte.