

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 353

Topic: Chair and Board Conduct

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

I refer to Mr Morony's letter of 17 March 2010 to the Chairperson and Board of Directors of Indigenous Business Australia. The following question relates to the attachment to the letter: Paragraph 1. Is it true that the IBA Board failed to ratify the September 2009 Board minutes for six months? Is it true that as the minutes/decisions were not ratified for six months \$2.4 million was unable to be transferred to the HOP program, thus denying some Indigenous clients the opportunity for new home loans totalling \$2.4 million during that period?

Answer:

The September 2009 Board Minutes were first considered by the Board at its following meeting on 8 December 2009 and adopted as a true and correct record on 23 March 2010. The Board were concerned about the quality of and time taken by Mr Morony and his staff to produce Board Minutes.

No Indigenous customer missed out on the opportunity for home ownership as a consequence of Board administrative matters.