

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 358

**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 9. Is it true that on 23 October 2009 Mr Morony advised the IBA Chairperson that Minister Macklin was about to write to the Prime Minister about the 2010/11 budget process as she was required to list her priorities for the 2010/11 financial year? Is it true that Mr Morony sent a draft letter for the Minister to the IBA Chairperson and suggesting options that IBA could bid for in the 2010/11 budget? Is it true that the IBA Chairperson did not meet the deadline to get the letter to Minister Macklin? Is it true that the IBA Chairperson eventually sent a letter to Minister Macklin, but did not provide it to Mr Morony or the IBA's finance staff until 12 February 2010?

**Answer:**

All the normal deadlines for Commonwealth Budget processes were met.