SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

OUESTIONS ON NOTICE

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA

Outcome 1: Stimulating the economic advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples

Output 1.3: Business Development and Assistance

Question Number: W562-07

Ouestion:

Senator Siewert asked in writing: Have the recommendations of the Uhrig report on Statutory Authorities been taken into account regarding the functions of IBA? If so, how?

Answer:

The recommendations of the Uhrig Report have been taken into account within IBA's legislative and governance framework in the following manner:

- Clearly defined and limited delegations for IBA management
- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities for IBA management and Board
- Minister appointed Board members
- The Board having the full power to act
- Statements of purpose, goals, objectives and our guiding principles and values are clearly articulated in the IBA Corporate Plan 2006 2008 including those relationships with our clients and stakeholders
- Annually audited and reported financial statements as part of the annual report tabling process
- Full related party disclosures
- Provision of information to the responsible Minister
- External independent scrutiny by the Office of Evaluation and Audit, and the Senate Estimates review process