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– NAA – Senator Xenophon

Information on the NAA website states that people in SA, Tasmania and the Northern Territory will still have access to material from the archives through the website, email, phone and post.

- a) Does the NAA concede that it is not feasible to offer the same level of service via these options, compared to person-to-person service offered by the offices?
- b) How will the closures affect people's access to NAA public events, where state and territory offices also hold workshops and lectures in conjunction with the events? Further, what workshops and lectures were carried out in 2009 at NAA offices on a state and territory basis?

Answer: On 23 February 2010 the Cabinet Secretary, Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig announced that Archives will maintain a local presence in each state and territory. Instead of closing the Archives offices in Darwin, Adelaide and Hobart they will remain open until a permanent solution involving co-location with a local organisation has been found.