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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: Perhaps I could ask you to take on notice the consultation with the Prime Minister outside the cabinet process with Mr Gemmell's second appointment as acting CEO of the Indigenous Land Corporation, because, as I understand it, the Indigenous Land Corporation limits a person's appointment to one six-month term. And this person, after serving less than six months, has resigned, and it has been confirmed that the person has been re-appointed to another six-month term. I have no idea whether that is against the technical definition in the act, but it strikes me as being against the spirit of the act.

Ms Cross: We will follow that up for you.

Answer:

The Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs wrote to the then Prime Minister on 24 January 2013 regarding Mr Gemmell's appointment. The then Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, replied on 14 February 2013 on behalf of the then Prime Minister.