

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Siewert asked:

1. Is the OIPC conducting or participating in a review of the Native Title Act (1993), either formally or informally?
2. If so, is it possible to outline the broad policy approach which the OIPC is taking in any such review?

Answer:

1. As the *Native Title Act (1993)* is, except for Part 11 (which is administered by the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination), the responsibility of the Attorney-General's Department, the Office would not co-ordinate any review.

The OIPC is not involved in any review of the *Native Title Act (1993)*, other than in those reviews which were announced by the Attorney-General on 7 September 2005.

2. It would be inappropriate for the Office to publicly canvas internal policy deliberations of this kind.