QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(302) Output 3.2: Services for Indigenous Australians

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the OIPC of the view that State or Commonwealth agencies operating on land held under Indigenous tenure should pay fair rental rates to the land-holders? If so, is the OIPC advocating this position to the Minister? If not, why not?

Answer:

Departmental officials do not comment on policy advice.