

Appendix 3

Answers to questions

Mr Tim Lane (Hansard p.37)

Public hearing 27 March 2009 Melbourne – Questions on notice

Senator FARRELL—Just on this question of whether there would be enough league footballers from Tasmania to make up a team, it is my impression that there are probably more Northern Territorians playing in the AFL than there are Tasmanians at the moment. Would you be able to find out that information easily for us?

Mr Lane—Those numbers would be readily available, and you could be right. There are more, I think I could say accurately, from the Northern Territory now on AFL lists than there are Tasmanians.

Senator FARRELL—Would we be able to get those figures? Would you be able to provide them to the committee?

Mr Lane—Yes, I could do that.

Answers provided by Mr Lane (received 04/06/09)

Based on a quick check of current AFL lists (informally gathered, but pretty accurate figures), there are 26 players from the Northern Territory currently on AFL team lists and 25 players from Tasmania.

It might be worth adding that there are nine Tasmanians who are members of club coaching panels – i.e. people of considerable experience, who continue to apply their knowledge to clubs in the AFL – and to the best of my knowledge there are none from the Northern Territory.