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PROTOCOLS FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS

(Endorsed on 24 February 2012, see Decision on Agenda Item 7 of ATSIEB Meeting No.5/2011-12)

1. The working relationship with the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs is very important for ATSIEB.
2. *Section 8 (a) (d)(i) and (k) of the Act 2008* provides for ATSIEB to report and provide advice to the Minister and carry out any other functions as requested by the Minister.
3. *Section 19* provides for the Minister to remove a member.
4. When engaging with the Minister, the Chair or an elected member must only do so with the authority of ATSIEB.
5. Should an elected member become aware of issues or concerns then this must be brought to ATSIEB for consideration before taking any action or making any representations to the Minister.
6. The Secretariat will arrange briefs, reports or meetings between the Minister, ATSIEB or the Chair or an authorised ATSIEB member.
7. ATSIEB members can, in their capacity as private citizens, approach the Minister.