

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Inquiry into the management and assurance of integrity by consulting services**

**Department:** Department of the Treasury  
**Topic:** Partnerships and Communication with states and territories  
**Reference:** Spoken  
**Senator:** Richard Colbeck

**Question:**

CHAIR: Looking at partnerships specifically, and noting that it's a joint process between the states and the Commonwealth, have there been any conversations with the states and territories at this stage in relation to what some of the parameters might be around this—what their views are, what they're seeing and what some of the limitations that we might consider are?

Ms Paton: Yes, there have been. I recall that we sent an email about a month ago, now, I think—I'm happy to take the date on notice—reaching out to all of our state and territory counterparts and our AGD counterparts as well to request, basically, a commencement of that engagement to start to understand their regulatory frameworks. We've had engagement from all of the states. We've had four meetings. I will take that on notice if that's alright.

CHAIR: That's fine.

**Answer:**

The Treasury first contacted State and Territory government officials via email on Tuesday 5 September 2023.

As of 11 December 2023, the Treasury has held introductory meetings with officials from all state and territory governments to understand their regulatory frameworks.