## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

## 2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 7 Question No: 197

**Topic:** Stronger Futures Report

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## Senator Siewert asked:

Was there an independent review of the sorts of questions that were asked as part of the Stronger Futures consultation process?

Did it go through FaHCSIA's ethics process?

## **Answer:**

The questions being referred to are the questions in relation to each of the eight priority areas in the *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory* discussion paper.

These questions were developed for the purpose of starting discussions on the priority areas at the consultation meetings. They were not research, survey or focus group questions, nor were they being asked for the purposes of a research study. There are no departmental requirements or guidelines for consultation or discussion questions to be subject to a research ethics process.