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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

In relation to the review of the management arrangements for the Commonwealth marine reserves proclaimed in November 2012, can the Department please advise:

- a. What stage the review is at.
- b. What consultation has taken place since the management plans proclaimed in November 2012 were set aside?
- c. Details on who has been consulted. If no consultation has taken place, advice on when the consultation is expected to happen and a consultation framework (how/when/who).
- d. A date by which the Terms of Reference for the expert scientific panel and the bioregional advisory panel will be released.

**Answer:**

- a. The Government is currently finalising the terms of reference and the process for the review.
- b. No formal consultation has taken place since the management plans proclaimed in November 2012 were set aside. Engagement on the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network and its management has been ongoing since its management plan took effect on 1 July 2013.
- c. The form of consultation is yet to be confirmed.
- d. To be confirmed by the Government.