Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Answers to questions on notice Environment portfolio

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Senator Singh asked:

The review's Terms of Reference state that the panels will report to the Government 6 months after their first meeting. Have the panels met yet?

- a. If not, when will they meet?
- b. Why haven't they met yet?

Answer:

The Chair of the Expert Scientific Panel and the co-Chairs of the Bioregional Advisory Panels have held four meetings since the beginning of September 2014. The Expert Scientific Panel held their first meeting over two days on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 October 2014. The Bioregional Panels met on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 November 2014.

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Not applicable.