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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Performance Review of the Australian Innovation, Science and Research System

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-146

Innovation and Science Australia's Performance Review of the Australian Innovation, Science and Research System states that a key deliverable of the agency is to develop a Strategic Plan and deliver it to government in 2017. In relation to the Strategic Plan:

- a. Who is preparing the Strategic Plan and managing the consultation process? Are any external consultants working on the project? If so,
 - i. What is the value of the contract and the AusTender reference number?
 - ii. Was it a limited tender? If so, why.
 - iii. Has the contract been awarded? If so, to who/what organisation.
 - iv. What is the scope of the project? Please provide a detailed work plan.
- b. Is there any crossover between this work and the development of NISA 2.0? If so, please describe the crossovers and relationship between the two projects.
- c. Has any funding been allocated for related advertising and/or media work around the release of the strategy? If so, please provide details (including the total cost and any AusTender reference numbers).

ANSWER

- a) The 2030 Strategic Plan is being developed by the Innovation and Science Australia (ISA) Board. There is a Strategy Steering Committee providing oversight of content, frameworks and delivery, made up of Board members. They are supported by the Office of ISA (which is a Division of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science) and a number of secondees from other departments and agencies. The Office of ISA has engaged an external consultancy consortium to provide advice on Australian and international issues and approaches as well as assist with consultation. The Board also has a number of Expert Reference Groups assisting it as well as a Commonwealth Reference Group (comprising senior executives from most Commonwealth departments).
 - i. The value of the contract for the consortium is \$425,000. The details of the contract notice is publically available on Austender: AusTender reference number CN3391555.
 - ii. A Request for Tender (RFT) was published on AusTender on 12 August 2016 and closed on 6 September 2016. It was advertised via AusTender as an open tender.
 - iii. The contract commenced on 1 December 2016 and was awarded to Howard Partners Pty Ltd in partnership with the UK-based Technopolis Group.
 - iv. Scope of 2030 Strategic Plan : The Strategic Plan will provide a vision of the innovation, science and research system by 2030, set goals, and outline the actions required to give life to the vision. It will describe what Australia's innovation system should look like in 2030 and will make recommendations as to how Australia can get there. The plan will identify the emerging trends, challenges and risks that should be considered when determining priorities and provide recommendations to Government how to address the underlying impediments to the system's performance. It will also outline how our progress can be evaluated. The Strategic Plan will build on the

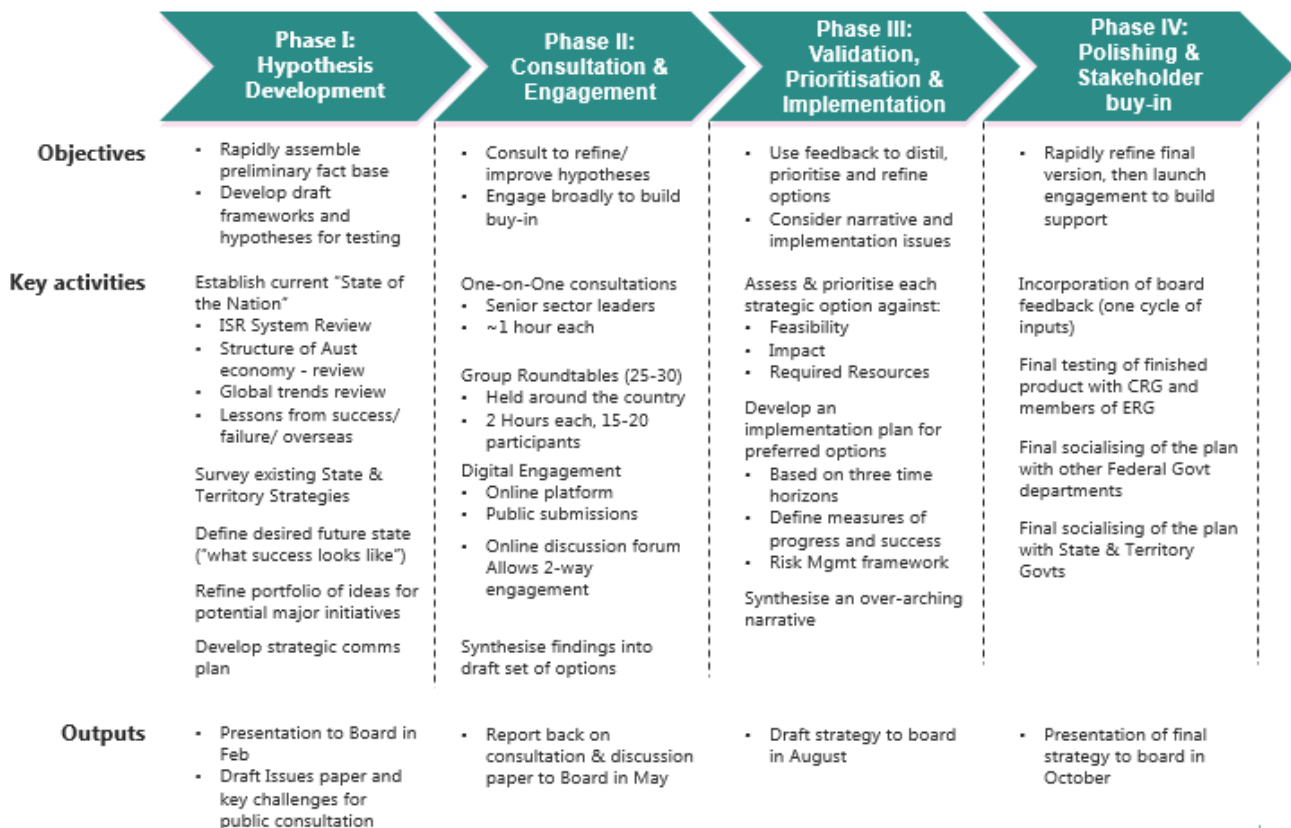
findings of Innovation and Science Australia's Performance Review of the Australian Innovation, Science and Research system that was released in February 2017. The 2030 Strategic Plan will be delivered to Government in late 2017.

The Issues Paper that will inform the development of the Plan was released on 24 March 2017 and contains the ISA's vision for the 2030 Strategic Plan. It proposes six challenges seen as central to shaping the Strategic Plan, and suggests themes and questions for discussion. The six challenges are

- Moving more firms, in more sectors, closer to the innovation frontier
- Moving, and keeping, Government closer to the innovation frontier
- Delivering high-quality and relevant education and skills development for Australians throughout their lives
- Maximising the engagement of our world class research system with end users
- Maximising advantage from international knowledge talent and capital
- Bold, high-impact initiatives

The Office of ISA will be responsible for drafting the 2030 Strategic Plan on behalf of the Innovation and Science Australia Board. An extensive consultation process with business, entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, educators, and government officials (Commonwealth, state and local), to support the development of the Plan will be undertaken by the Office of ISA and Howard Partners. Howard Partners and the Technopolis Group will provide input to the challenges including providing international perspectives on key themes.

The development of the 2030 Strategic Plan will be based on the following methodology:



- b) ISA was established as a measure under the National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA) to provide a single body responsible for researching, planning and advising government on the long term strategic vision for innovation and science. ISA is an independent advisory board responsible for providing whole-of-government advice on matters relating to science, research and innovation matters. The monitoring of the implementation of NISA is managed by another Division of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. Any current proposals related to science and innovation are developed by the relevant department.
- c) Less than \$10,000 is allocated in the 2016-17 OISA budget for advertising and other media around release of the 2030 Strategic Plan. The 2017-18 budget has not yet been finalised.