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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

When will the new guidelines for IAS be available? What consultation has been undertaken to develop the guidelines?

**Answer:**

The revised Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Grant Guidelines came into effect on 21 March 2016.

PM&C received feedback from a variety of sources on the operation of the 2014 IAS open grant round and the IAS Guidelines.

As part of the Guidelines review process PM&C held public forums across Australia in late 2015, which attracted over 500 people. PM&C also met with seven national peak bodies which represented over 500 organisations.

The revised IAS Guidelines included consideration of the issues raised by applicants and other stakeholders during the 2014 IAS Grant Round through the 1800 number and IAS inbox, and through submissions provided to the Senate Inquiry into the IAS tendering process.