

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous

**Topic:** Employment

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

1. Has any review of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program been undertaken? If so:
  - When was this review conducted?
  - Who conducted this review?
  - Is the review complete?
  - What was the cost of the review?

**Answer:**

The Remote Jobs and Communities Program was considered within the Government's review into Indigenous Training and Employment programmes 'Creating Parity – the Forrest Review' that was led by Mr Andrew Forrest. The review commenced on 7 October 2013 and was concluded when the Creating Parity report was handed to the Government on 24 June 2014.

As at 11 November 2014, the total cost of the broader Forrest Review (excluding Departmental staffing costs) was \$550,947.