

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator Claire Moore

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**Question:**

There is an allocation of \$80 000 to conduct a review of the alliances in 2014/15. The web site indicates that the review will start in June 2015 and is expected to be completed by late 2015.

- a) Will the review be put out to tender?
- b) What is the nature of the review?
- c) Who will be conducting the review?
- d) What issues will the review examine?
- e) Will the review consider the future engagement of women from multicultural communities?
- f) What organisations or individuals will be contacted in the course of the review?
- g) Will the outcomes of the review be published?
- h) If they are, how and when will they be published?

**Answer:**

- a) Yes.
- b) The review will consider the effectiveness of the National Women's Alliances Operating Framework, similar to the review conducted in 2012.
- c) KPMG was the successful tenderer.

- d) The Review will:
  1. examine the coherence of the model, focusing on its stated and achieved strategies, outputs, and desired and achieved outcomes;
  2. assess how well the Alliances are functioning in accordance with the model;
  3. assess the alignment of the model with the Government's priorities of safety for women, women's economic empowerment and opportunity, women's leadership and international engagement and reporting;
  4. make recommendations for the future of the Alliance model; and
  5. research alternative models for representing sectoral concerns to Government.
- e) The review will consider the future engagement of women from all communities as identified through the consultation process.
- f) The reviewers will consult with the Alliances, the organisations and individual women that they represent, staff from the Office for Women and Government representatives including Government ministers.
- g) The review findings will be considered by the Government.
- h) Decisions on publication will be made by the Government at the appropriate time.