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Question:

When was the timing of the Review of Indigenous Advancement Strategy Guidelines forums decided?

Answer:

At the Senate Inquiry hearing on 29 June 2015, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) indicated it would be undertaking national consultations with stakeholders looking at issues raised as part of the funding round, and as part of the review of the IAS Guidelines.

As committed, PM&C wrote to a number of key organisations inviting them to help scope the consultation process. Subsequently, meetings were held with ACOSS, Universities Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, and Australian Indigenous Communication Association.

A significant analysis was undertaken of the submissions to the Senate Inquiry, the feedback calls made post the Grant Round (741 calls), and emails received in the IAS mailbox, to identify the issues raised by stakeholders, all of which will be used to inform the revision of the Guidelines.

As noted at the Senate Inquiry hearing, we anticipated that scoping discussions with the above organisations would occur over July 2014. These took longer than anticipated. PM&C then collates the feedback and design the sessions. The consultations were then held from the end of October to mid-November 2015.