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

When were organisations and individuals notified of the timetable for the forums?

**Answer:**

Ahead of the formal announcements, departmental staff from National Office and the Regional Network informed local providers, communities and individuals of the upcoming forums by phone and email.

On 22 October 2015, an email was sent from the IAS inbox inviting more than 3,800 stakeholders to participate in the review, including national peaks and organisations, currently funded service providers and approved IAS applicants, as well as individuals who had registered with the Indigenous.gov.au website to receive information about Indigenous Affairs.

On 23 October 2015, a message was placed on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website advising of the upcoming forums which included a contact telephone number and email address for further information.

Advertisements appeared in newspapers from 22 October through to 5 November 2015.

On 27 October 2015, the complete timetable for the forums (including venues and times) was added to the Departmental website.