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**Question:**

Why was the media release announcing the process only released 6 days before the first forum?

**Answer:**

The Department wrote to key stakeholders in June 2015 to seek their input into the review of the IAS Guidelines. Follow-up meetings were held throughout July and August with these stakeholders to seek their input into the direction of the review. This process took longer than anticipated. We then need to collate the feedback and design the sessions.

The Department then undertook a process to procure the services of an external facilitator to assist in delivery the forums across the country and to finalise the logistics of venue hire etc.

This meant a truncated timeframe to publically announce the first couple of forums; however forums later into the schedule had more lead in time.

PM253 refers also.