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Question:

1. What was the cost of the review of the *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act (2012)*?
2. Why was it limited to a desk top study?
3. The recent report on the review of the *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act (2012)* contained a list of only 11 stakeholders who were consulted as part of the review. Seven of these were from the Commonwealth or Northern Territory Government. Why was the scope of the consultations so limited?

Answer:

1. KPMG's cost for conducting the review was \$80,693 (GST inclusive).
2. A desktop study was selected given the renegotiation of the National Partnership Agreement on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory as well as the two reviews that were undertaken by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (PJCHR).
3. The decision of whom to consult and reference sources to research was determined by KPMG according to the terms of reference and the timeframe available in which to conduct the review. PM&C provided a list of 20 possible sources of data and 15 stakeholders for consideration. It was then the decision of KPMG on how to proceed with its independent review.