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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Are there terms of reference for the review that the minister has instructed the department to have undertaken?

Ms Kruk—I am unaware whether the Minister has actually released those terms of reference or if those terms of reference are available. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Government announced on 9 February 2010 that the Secretary of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts had been instructed to immediately implement an independent external process of inquiry in relation to all contractual agreements and procurement processes entered into during the final design and implementation of the Green Loans program.

The terms of reference for this review (the Faulkner review) are included below:

The External Reviewer will report to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water and the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, on the probity of:

- contractual arrangements; and
- procurement processes and decisions,

that form part of the final design and implementation of the Green Loans Program (from May 2008 to January 2010). The review will examine those contractual arrangements and procurement processes that are material and/or key to the Program.

The External Reviewer will be informed by (but not limited to) relevant internal audits and investigations.

The former Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, publicly released the Faulkner report on 8 July 2010.