

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Program 1.2**

**Question No. 91**

**Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:**

- A. In responding to questions on notice (Q 64) in relation to the CVE Framework the response makes reference to “Development of a comprehensive Program Evaluation Framework to ensure the program remains appropriate, efficient and effective. The cost of this consultancy will be up to \$80,000 and the evaluation framework will be finalised in March 2011.”
- a. Who is responsible for the Framework?
  - b. What consultancy firm is being employed?
  - c. How many people are working on the framework?
  - d. What advice to-date has the Department received about the framework?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a. The Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program evaluation framework is the responsibility of the CVE Branch in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.
- b. Yellow Edge developed the program evaluation framework, having been selected through a competitive procurement process.
- c. Yellow Edge have specified four personnel to provide the program evaluation framework, and one Departmental officer has been responsible for managing the contract.
- d. The final program evaluation framework was provided to the Department on 17 March 2011. The evaluation framework provides guidance to the Department on how to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the program of activities being progressed under the \$9.7m national approach to countering violent extremism, as funded under the 2010-11 Federal Budget. The framework details the metrics and data to be collected in order to establish a baseline assessment of information, the changes in which can later be used as evidence of the success of the program.