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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Question:

Senator RICE: Can you talk through what the review process has been so far, and in particular, the specifics of the consultation that's been undertaken so far?

[...]

Ms Fievez: In that initial or the earlier phases of consultation, we held over 58 consultation sessions with 48 stakeholders. And this information has been provided previously on a Senate estimates question or notice, and we can update that and provide through for the committee's review. And of these stakeholders, we did talk to a number of people, including Commonwealth, state and territory, government department and agencies peak bodies.

Senator RICE: Can I just ask, in terms of the 48 stakeholders, how many of those were community organisations compared with the state and territory organisations?

Ms Fievez: The initial stage, there was ten community organisations consulted with.

Senator RICE: Thank you. So, you say you've supplied this information to us? Do have a list there with you as to who those ten are that you've consulted with so far? Thank you.

Ms Fievez: I will just take that on notice and I'll come back to that once I've pulled the information out.

Answer:

The first phase of consultation focused on capturing the views of Commonwealth, state and territory government departments, including peak bodies. During this phase, ten sessions were held with community organisations, support services or land councils, including:

- Darwin Community Legal Service;
- Murinbata Tribal Association;
- Northern Land Council;
- Anglicare NT;
- Wadeye Community Safety Patrol;
- West Daly Youth Centre;
- Wadeye Safe House;
- HK Training and Consultancy;
- Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency; and
- Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programmes Unit.