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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 111

Topic: Physical Disability Australia

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Senator Fifield asked:

Senator McLucas, why have you asked FaHCSIA to conduct a further review of documentation provided and directed the Department to undertake that further investigation?

Who is conducting the independent review of PDA's governance and operation?

When was the decision taken to have this independent review conducted and how much will it cost?

When will the review report?

Will you undertake to release its findings?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is conducting a further review in order to be satisfied that complaints made against Physical Disability Australia have been fully investigated.

The independent review has been conducted by KPMG.

The decision to conduct the review was made in consultation with Physical Disability Australia on 27 November 2010.

The contract with KPMG to conduct the review is for the amount of \$24,900 (GST inclusive).

KPMG will report to FaHCSIA by the end of March 2011.

A decision on release of the report will be made by government in consultation with Physical Disability Australia.