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Senator Jacinta Collins asked:

[In relation to HSS and CCS programs,] I understand that you have accepted the recommendations from the Ernst and Young evaluation. I do not think they specifically recommended you do it as a two-step process, but I am told that seems to be how it is being conducted. Could you describe what that process is and where we are up to?

Answer:

The tender process for the Humanitarian Settlement Program is in two stages.

- Stage One was a Request for Expressions of Interest, which closed on 13 September 2016.
- Successful Respondents have been invited to participate in a co-design workshop on 10, 15 or 17 November 2016.
- Information collected from the co-design workshops will inform the design of the Humanitarian Settlement Program Request for Tender.
- Stage Two is a Request for Tender process which will invite organisations shortlisted from Stage One to tender for the delivery of the Humanitarian Settlement Program. This is expected to be released in early 2017.