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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

In relation to the review of remote housing announced by Minister Scullion on 18 November 2016:

1. What is the scope of the review?
2. Has the review commenced?
3. If so, when did it commence?
4. If not, when will it commence?
5. Who is conducting the review?
6. Is the review seeking submissions from stakeholders?
7. Which stakeholders have been asked to make submissions?
8. When does the period for making submissions end?
9. How and when were stakeholders advised of the review?
10. Which stakeholders have been advised of the review?
11. When the review is complete, will the review be reported to the Minister?
12. Will the Minister make the results of the review public?
13. When will the review be completed?

**Answer:**

1. The aim of the Remote Housing Review (the Review) is to assess the effectiveness of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing and the Remote Housing Strategy to identify what has worked or not worked under the programmes. It will identify the level of residual demand for housing for people living in remote Indigenous communities and options for addressing these needs. It will also consider what changes are needed to make remote Indigenous housing more sustainable including the role for governments and the private sector as well as for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Furthermore, it will identify opportunities to utilise housing investment to leverage stronger outcomes in Indigenous education and employment, business engagement and broader government priorities, including the Council of Australian Governments' Closing the Gap targets.
2. Yes.
3. The Review commenced in November 2016.
4. N/A.
5. An independent expert panel has been established to conduct the Review. The co-chairs are Robert Griew and Rachelle Towart, and Susan Murphy and Fred Pascoe are members.
6. Yes.
7. Submissions were sought from key stakeholders for remote Indigenous housing including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, housing providers, peak bodies, land councils, the Commonwealth Government, state governments, local governments, and other invested parties.
8. The period for the public to make submissions ended in December 2016.
9. The co-chairs of the panel wrote to stakeholders to advise them of the Review. Information relating to the Review was also available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website. The Review was also announced through a media release.
10. A list of the stakeholders consulted will be publicly available on completion of the Review.
11. Yes.
12. This is a matter for Government.
13. The Review is expected to be completed by mid-2017.