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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

We have had the University of Canberra review that was finished last year. Are we going to publish it? Is the government responding to it? What is happening to that?

Answer:

The review of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking programme was completed by the University of Canberra in November 2014. The Government has redesigned the programme taking into account the review findings, an earlier review of the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package by the Menzies School of Health Research, recent consultations with key stakeholders, and ongoing advice from Dr Tom Calma, National Coordinator, Tackling Indigenous Smoking. The new programme was announced by Assistant Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on 29 May 2015.

The Assistant Minister is considering release of the review report.