

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

How will the Government engage with the Congress as the national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? Who within the Government will determine how Congress is engaged and by what process?

Answer:

The Government will engage with a range of Indigenous stakeholders, including the Congress, when designing policies, programmes and implementing services that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The method and process of engagement will be determined by the relevant area of government and will vary according to the issue under consideration.