

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Could you detail the processes and agreements which serve as the interface for engagement between Congress and the Government?

**Answer:**

*A Framework for Engagement between Australian Government Agencies and the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples* was signed by the Congress and Agency Secretaries on 5 September 2012. The Engagement Framework will need to be reviewed in light of machinery of government changes and government priorities.

The Department maintains regular contact with the Congress for ongoing operational and engagement issues. Other agencies engage with the Congress as appropriate on relevant issues that arise within their portfolios.