Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Question:

What are the Terms of Reference of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Review?

Answer:

The scope of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme Review is:

- The programme and its performance against stated objectives;
- Programme implementation arrangements, including management of the regional teams, the extent to which the workforce has the necessary skills, and the regional structure;
- Interaction between the teams and clinical services (particularly links with primary health care and chronic disease services);
- The extent to which the programme has delivered best practice in health promotion;
- The need for training in tobacco control, smoking cessation and brief interventions;
- Evidence and data requirements for future policy and programme design;
- Alternative approaches to improve effectiveness and streamline the programme; and
- Analysis of evidence and literature on best practice to inform future directions.

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme Review will make recommendations for the redesign of the programme to improve efficiency and effectiveness and delivery of the programme within the revised allocation.