

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No.16

Senator Boswell asked in writing

- a) In what year was Marie Stopes International Australia last accredited under AusAID's NGO Cooperation Program?
- b) What are the names of the three members of the independent review team that granted this accreditation?
- c) When is Marie Stopes International Australia next subject to a review of its accreditation status?
- d) Will the involvement of Marie Stopes International in the deaths of its clients in Nepal and the UK, and the adverse coronial finding against in the UK, be taken into account in that review?

Answer:

- a) Marie Stopes International Australia was last accredited in July 2009.
- b) The independent review team does not grant accreditation status. The decision to grant accreditation status rests with the AusAID delegate, the First Assistant Director General, International Programs and Partnerships Division.
- c) Marie Stopes will next undergo accreditation in 2014.
- d) The accreditation process assesses an NGO's management capacity, systems, operations, and linkages with the Australian community.