

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question: PM 15**

**Outcome 1, Output 2.1**

**Topic: Indigenous violence – PM&C working group**

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**Senator Chris Evans asked: What was the size of the working group on family violence in indigenous communities located within PM&C between November 2003 and March 2004? Was the working group located in the Indigenous Policy Branch or was that not in existence then?**

**Answer:**

There was no working group on family violence in indigenous communities located in PM&C between November 2003 and March 2004.

On 15 June 2006 the Department corrected the record as follows: “The working group the Prime Minister mentioned in his July 2003 announcement comprised five indigenous leaders and approximately seven senior officials from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services, the Department of Families and Community Services and PM&C. PM&C led the working group until the end of August 2003 and three of its officers were involved.”