

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Terms of reference for homeland and border security review

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Senator Trood asked: I think we also asked you about the terms of reference for this [homeland and border security] review. Are there formal terms of reference that are available to us?

Mr Lewis-There are formal terms of reference. I think the Prime Minister referred to those terms of reference in his public statements at the time that the review was announced. I do not believe there is anything further-sorry, I will just correct that statement. The Prime Minister did not release the terms of reference. He spoke to them in a general sense when he was announcing the review. But the terms have not been released and there is no indication at this stage from government that they will be released.

Senator TROOD-Are you able to provide the committee with a copy of the terms?

Mr Lewis-I will have to take that on notice.

Answer: The Terms of Reference have not been made public.