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Topic: National Disability Strategy

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Please outline the consultation process around the Strategy? Was a uniform approach taken across Australia, or was it done differently in different States? Why?

Answer:

The National Disability Strategy discussion paper was released on 17 October 2008 inviting people to participate in a series of public consultations and through written submissions.

Public consultations were held across Australia in all capital cities and fifty-two selected regional locations. The capital city consultations took place between October and November 2008 and were chaired by Dr Rhonda Galbally AO, Chair of the National People with Disabilities and Carer Council. As part of the consultations, a Youth Roundtable was held in Melbourne in November 2008.

Consultations in regional and remote areas across all states and the Northern Territory were held between October and December 2008. These consultations were facilitated by the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations.

Over 2,500 people attended capital city forums and focus groups in regional and remote areas and over 750 submissions to the discussion paper were received.