

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

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Senator Fifield asked on 24/03/2011, Hansard page 41.

Question

NATIONAL EXPERT WORKING GROUP

Senator FIFIELD—Could you provide the committee with a list of consultations which took place, the organisations who took part? Ms Wall—Certainly.

Answer

The Students with Disability Working Group was formed to undertake a discrete task within a short timeframe. The membership of this group reflected the fact that this work was focussed on the support students receive at school and in classrooms. Working Group membership therefore primarily comprised representatives of principals, classroom and special education teachers and education authorities. The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations also represented the interests of people with disability and their families on the Working Group.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations consulted with other disability stakeholders in parallel to the working group. This included meetings with the following organisations:

- Children with Disability Australia
- National People with Disabilities and Carers Council
- Australian Parents Council
- Australian Council of State School Organisations.

In addition the Department has and will be consulting with education and training providers, users and other key disability stakeholders through other Australian Government initiatives including the review of Disability Standards for Education, the Review of Funding for Schooling and the development of a national definition for school students with disabilities.